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1,000 men out as steel strike gathers momentum

strike over blastfurnace men's pay spread terday from British Steel's plant at Llanwern, ere 550 men have walked out, to south sside. About 400 workers went on strike, ting production. In Scunthorpe, 3,000 men e been told by their union not to work today. ice talks were being held last night between union and the conciliation service.

Conciliation service meets union

Paul Routledge
ur Editor

lastfurnace men's leaders senior officials of the inde- ent Advisory, Conciliation Arbitration Service last t for exploratory talks ed at ending the state steel ur dispute which threatens lose more than seven tenths he industry's capacity from Monday.

afore the talks at a London l, sympathetic action in big l plants on Teesside and in mthorpe added momentum to unofficial strike by 550 furnace workers at Llan- n, South Wales, who are in ute over manning rates for ew high productivity fur- e.

he British Steel Corporation, ch fears that the strike may dly become an uncoordin- l national stoppage and be le official at the weekend, is wing up plans for a progres- closure of most of the stry from the beginning of t week. If the unofficial k-outs spread as rapidly as erday, lay-offs of production kers might begin before the of the week.

special meeting of the cutive of the National Union Blastfurnacemen has been ed in London today to dis- s the outcome of talks with conciliation officials and TUC. Union leaders are inning to suspect that there scope for improvement on e "final" offer of up to £100 week for top-paid men on the w furnace, if the improve- ent is suggested by a third rty and therefore does not ply an obligation on the ployers to allow similar in- eases throughout the labour ce.

ympathy action by 400 men south Teesside halted pro- tion at the modern basic gen steelmaking plant at kenby and its associated tinuous castings operation. Scunthorpe union members e instructed not to report shifts today. Three thousand at 10 blast furnaces at the hor works there are ex- ed to be out by late after- 1.

here was less sympathy for Llanwern men at two plants at Shelton, near Stoke upon Trent, and Shotton, North Wales, which are both threatened by closure.

As the situation deteriorated, Mr Jim Mortimer, chairman of the conciliation service, and his chief conciliation officer, Mr Andrew Kerr, arranged preliminary discussions with Mr *Hector Smith, general secretary* of the NUB. He would not go to see them, but agreed to meet them at the Bloomsbury hotel where he usually stays on visits to London.

Senior British Steel industrial relations officials yesterday outlined the corporation's view to conciliation service staff and then made contact with Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, who is to mee the blastfurnacemen's leaders today.

Mr Reiser Schuley, chief executive of British Steel, said yesterday: "This situation has a long tailback. We are aware that they [the NUB] are a contracting union in our development strategy, and are therefore keen to preserve their identity. *From the corporation* point of view we would have welcomed some form of amalgamation to narrow the number of unions we deal with.

This "identity thing" he said, had manifested itself in claims such as those advanced at Llanwern, on Teesside, at Port Talbot and Corby. They were arguing that the transition to *the new breed of furnaces made* them a parallel case to the pilots who began operating jumbo jets.

But they had not traditionally been leaders in the wages pecking order, and such a move would unhinge the corporation's wage structure.

The British Steel executive said it arranged a trip to Japan by a *blastfurnace men's delegation* to see ironmaking plant like the £65m furnace installed at Llanwern, so that the two sides could talk from a common standpoint. But the union had steadfastly refused both a job-evaluated approach and arbitration, he said.

Mr Scholey said the work on the new furnace was a new job, *but not more onerous or danger*ous than on the older furnaces.

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Woman hurt in London letter-bomb explosions

By a Staff Reporter

Two letter bombs apparently posted in Dublin, exploded in London yesterday, one in the hands of Pamela Lady Onslow, who was incidentally involved in the Kenneth Littlejohn affair two years ago.

Lady Onslow, aged 60, opened the packet containing a Walt Disney Pinocchio book at about 9 am at her home in Callcott Street, Notting Hill. In the explosion her head and arms were slightly singed but she declined hospital treatment.

Half an hour later the second letter bomb exploded at the offices of Alcan, in Berkeley Square, Mayfair. A secretary suffered cuts and shock when the packet, containing a book on marriage etiquette and marked "private and confidential", exploded. She was treated at St George's Hospital.

Commander Roy Habershon, head of the bomb squad, visited both addresses after the explosions. The police appealed to anyone who received a suspicious postal packet to isolate it and call them. If necessary, they should check with the persons who may have sent the packet.

Although *no organization* claimed responsibility for the bombs, three pieces of evidence pointed to an Irish connexion; the Dublin postmarks, Lady Onslow's involvement in the Littlejohn case, and Alcan's plan to build an aluminium plant in the Irish Republic.

Lady Onslow met Keith Littlejohn, Kenneth Littlejohn's younger brother, through her work with Teamwork Associates, a voluntary organization for the after-care and resettlement of offenders. He told her that his brother had information about *IRA sources of arms which he* would give only to a minister whose face he recognized from television.

She passed the message to Lord Carrington, then Secretary of State for Defence. In November, 1973, a meeting took place at Lady Onslow's London flat between Kenneth Littlejohn and Mr Geoffrey Johnson Smith, then *Under-Secretary of* State at the Ministry of Defence.

Two weeks ago Alcan announced that it hoped to start work by the end of the year on the aluminium plant at Aughinish Island, co Limerick. It is expected to cost about £170m.

Mr Archibald Black, the managing director, said yesterday: "There is no reason.

"This is the first letter bomb Alcan has received. The explosion was on the sixth floor, an open-plan office shared by several secretaries."

Mr Black, on the floor below, heard the explosition and went straight upstairs.

Both bombs were in hollowed-out paperback books

More than eight months ago a man in Birmingham received a gift-wrapped parcel just before Christmas, which exploded. In July, 1974, a woman in Bristol was slightly injured by another parcel bomb. Last year letter-bombs were sent to Mr Reginald Maudling, Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, and Sir Max Aitken, chairman of Beaverbrook Newspapers.

Photograph, page 2

Cairo warning after Palestinians seize Madrid embassy

From Harry Chislett
Madrid, Sept 15

Palestinian guerrillas today occupied the Egyptian Embassy in Madrid and seized the ambassador and two other diplomats as hostages, announcing that they would kill them by midnight unless Egypt renounced its agreement with Israel.

The embassy in Calle José Ortega y Gasset, near the city's fashionable shopping streets, was taken over at about 11.15 am and guerrillas, believed to number four or five and to be members of Al Fatah, quickly issued a communiqué. Everyone in the first-floor embassy was told to leave except the ambassador, Mr Mahmud Abdel *Ghaffar, aged 55, the consul,* and the press attaché. The ambassador has not yet presented his letters of credence, as he arrived in Madrid only recently.

The Palestine Liberation Organization has denied knowledge of the operation, but Egypt has warned its leader, Mr Yassir Arafat, that it holds the PLO "completely responsible" for the consequences.

The ambassadors of Algeria, Iraq and Kuwait, using a loud-speaker from a balcony near the embassy, *entered into negotia*tions with the guerrillas. Officials from the Syrian, Jordanian and Tunisian embassies also took part in the negotiations.

The police took over a flat *on the same floor as the* embassy, but outside the building there were only about half a dozen armed officers to be seen. Around the corner, however, jeeps and busloads of reinforcements were on the alert. The police armed with submachine-guns and tear gas and wearing steel helmets, cordoned off the area.

In their *communiqué the* terrorists demanded the withdrawal of the Egyptian people delegation from Geneva, where the Sinai agreement with Israel is due to be signed. They described the agreement as "a betrayal of the Egyptian people and the Arab countries, and it does not serve for peace", and they wanted the Egyptian delegation to denounce the agreement in similar terms from Geneva airport.

Their action was not taken against the Egyptian people, they went on, but against the policies of President Sadat. "The Egyptian Government, when it signed the last agreement with Israel, through the means of the first imperialist of the twentieth century, Kissinger, has forgotten and left the cause of the Arab Palestinian and Egyptian people and the peoples of the Third World, which intend to finish with all forms of imperialism".

The terrorists said that they belonged to no particular Palestinian political group, but one of them told a Spanish journalist, who managed to telephone to the embassy, that he was from Al Fatah. All were armed with revolvers and knives and were said to have planted dynamite in the embassy.

"If we are Palestinians who have faith in the democratic state of Palestine in all its territory, where everyone has the same rights and duties, then this is the only solution which will bring true peace", the guerrillas said.

In another part of Madrid, 30 Arab students occupied the office of the Arab League for three and a half hours in the morning. Police dispersed them while they were holding a meeting to protest at the Egyptian-Israel agreement. The students said their action had

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Vice-President Rockefeller, accompanied by Pearl Bailey, the singer, arriving at Heathrow airport yesterday for the opening of the United States Bicentennial Exhibition at the British Museum. Report, page 6.

Confidence vote for Mr Thorpe as leader

From Michael Hatfield
Political Staff
Scarborough

Liberal MPs yesterday fully endorsed the leadership of Mr Thorpe, although there have been criticisms inside the party in recent months. When Mr *Cyril Smith, the chief whip, put* it to them bluntly whether they wanted a vote of confidence in Mr Thorpe, the MPs were unanimous.

Mr Smith was motivated by a letter from Mr Grimond, the former leader, who said he supported Mr Thorpe, and the chief whip took the opportunity to sound out his colleagues.

The MPs approved a plan to revive the party's flagging political fortunes. Meeting for the first time since Parliament rose, they even accepted without demur pointed remarks about the behaviour of some members. No names were mentioned.

In the document, Mr Smith castigates some of his colleagues for playing nor as a team but as individuals. He is likely to run into trouble with conference delegates over his belief that the parliamentary party should play a much greater part in the party's affairs.

His document states that only the MPs can act as professionals. He expresses annoyance at amateur politicians *committing the* party to lines of action that might be disastrous. Some young Liberals, obviously, are the target here.

In a tough sentence Mr Smith says: "I am a tolerant man, but totally intolerant of inefficiency and laziness. I am always willing to see any member of staff who wishes to see me, and, while I am reasonable, I would not *hesitate to fire anyone who* did not pull his weight or failed to carry out reasonable instructions."

Mr Smith declares his intention to strengthen ties between the party in and outside Parliament and proposes to issue regular bulletins. He is also hoping to persuade his parliamentary colleagues to undertake *more public meetings. He pro*poses working lunches in the Whips' Office in Parliament.

Coming to the defence of Mr Thorpe's leadership, he says: "I know of no Liberal MP better able to lead the party than Jeremy. If those people who are being critical of him did one tenth for the party that he does—or had half his qualities —*they would be in a better* position to criticize."

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Currency case girls freed in Kenya

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, Sept 15

The two London schoolgirls charged over an attempt to smuggle more than £130,000-worth of foreign currencies, but of Kenya were freed this afternoon. The magistrate, Mr F. Abdulla, discharged them on condition that they returned to school and did not commit any other offence for a year.

It was an emotion-charged moment, with the girls, Teresa Ann Laws, aged 14, and Lynn Francis, aged 16, hugging each other with joy as the court rose. Seconds later they were reunited with their mothers, Mrs Joyce Tina Laws and Mrs Joyce Francis, who were in court. They had been flown to Kenya by the *Daily Express*, representatives of which later hurried them away from other reporters.

The girls, who had spent the weekend in prison after being convicted on their own pleas on Friday, were composed and calm throughout the proceedings as the magistrate reviewed the case and commented that they had already suffered considerably.

After briefly embracing their mothers in the courtroom, the girls were led out by a British High Commission official to complete the court formalities for their release. But as they fought their way past photographers to the entrance to the cells, a burly African warder told them, smiling: "Go—you are free."

They were then helped out*side to a waiting car*, again with photographers and reporters crowding round them, and were driven to the British High Commission.

There, Teresa's only comment was: "I'm so happy". Lynn said: "All I want is a bath and something to eat. I'm starving."

Lynn said they had eaten nothing during their three days in prison as they could not face the diet of maize porridge. "I tasted it but couldn't eat it," she said. The girls said they had been well treated in prison and shared a cell with an African girl.

Their mothers had arrived here on Saturday but were not able to see the girls in the prison, or in the cells below the court, where they spent several hours before being escorted into the courtroom.

When they arrived at the court building, they were handcuffed like other prisoners, but were wearing their own clothes. Later they were escorted into court by three African warders and two wardresses.

The magistrate, in his judgment, described the hearing as "the final act of this over-publicized drama". He criticized the British press for its handling of the case and said some British newspapers had from the start disregarded the provisions of the law which were designed to protect young people. (Reporting restrictions were lifted after the early hearings because the girls' identities had become so well known.)

Recalling that the girls had flown from London on June 19, and had been lavishly entertained during a 10-day holiday here, he said their parents had fallen in with these arrangements in which everything was paid for the girls.

As they were leaving Kenya on June 29 *to return to Lon*don, large quantities of foreign currency were found hidden in their luggage.

The magistrate added: "There can be no doubt that these girls fell victims to the temptations put in their way by an organized gang of international currency smugglers. The parents are not entirely blameless in committing these girls of tender age into the clutches of the conspirators." The main conspirators had not been charged, he said.

Taking into account the *girls' ages, their previous good* records and the fact that they had fallen prey to "the machinations of far more mature and cunning people", he also commented that they would have to live down the glare of publicity surrounding them.

While the offences were grave he did not consider that the "sins of omission" of the parents and the actions of the conspirators should bear on "these pitiable girls".

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France is accused of illegal wine tax

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Sept 15

The European Commission told France today that it acted *illegally last week in imposing* unilaterally a tax on the import of Italian wines averaging about 12 per cent. The tax was imposed in an attempt to stem a flood of cheap Italian imports which are undercutting French producers.

At a press conference in Brussels after a special meeting of the Commission convened to *discuss the wine dispute, Mr* Pierre Lardinois, the EEC Commissioner for Agriculture, said that Paris had been informed of the Commission's ruling and that its reaction was "awaited with a great deal of interest".

Mr Lardinois gave a warning that the Commission could bring an action in the European Court of Justice if the French Government did not make "a sufficiently positive response, such as to indicate a change of attitude".

To soften the blow to French self-esteem, the Commission also sharply reprimanded most other EEC members for a variety of restrictive practices concerning the wine trade.

The Italians, the other main party to the present dispute, were reminded that they were often more than a year in arrears in the payment of subsidies and other aids to their wine growers which had been dispersed out of EEC funds.

Britain, and other northern European countries, who basically are not wine producers, were told to reduce, or at least not to increase, the heavy *excise duties which some of* them exact on table wines. In Britain, Mr Lardinois said, the duties were nearly seven times the price paid to EEC wine growers.

In an accompanying measure designed to help to reduce the Community's wine surplus, the Commission today authorized the payment of export subsidies to encourage sales to third countries.

Paris, Sept 15.—France will continue to apply its new tax on Italian wine imports despite the *Commission's ruling that it is* illegal, informed French Government sources said.—Reuter.

abour's executive demands greater ommitment to state intervention

eorge Clark
ical Correspondent

bour's plan for the next e of the party's programme arresting the decline in facturing industry, pub- d yesterday, brings into the the clash between the ual executive committee C) and the Government t the pace of state inter- ion.

e policy statement, *Labour Industry, the Next Steps*, ing submitted for approval the NEC to the party's al conference in Blackpool month.

has been pruned of some osals that ministers ob- d to, but nevertheless it s on the rightness of the amme set out in Labour's *amme '73* and in the 1974 manifestos.

those documents, the NEC it identified as a key diffi- the concentration of stry in the hands of a rela- small number of big companies, often with considerable multinational involvement. Such companies dominated the economy and determined Britain's economic success or failure.

The policy statement continues:

We proposed to take advantage of *this concentration by concluding* planning agreements with such *firms, thus providing decisive* leverage in such key areas of the economy as regional job creation, exports and pricing policies, and levels of investment, while leaving wide areas of decision-making for the individual company boards.

We also said that a major extension of public enterprise was essential to support our strategy for economic planning and we proposed the takeover of a number of key firms in the profitable manufacturing sector of the economy, and the creation of the National Enterprise Board [NEB].

The NEC says the Industry Bill, still before Parliament, goes some way *towards putting* those policies into effect—but adds: "In our judgment, however, the Bill falls very considerably short of our original proposals.

The planning agreements system is now to be entirely voluntary, without even reserve powers to ensure that key *companies play* their part in the system. There is no provision to ensure that capital grants are increasingly channelled only through planning agreements. No explicit tie-up between price controls and planning agreements is provided. There are no powers for the compulsory purchase of companies (except in the case of foreign takeover). And the funds provided for the National Enterprise Board, without further legislation, are *inadequate*.

We argued, in *Labour's Pro*gramme, that planning agreements would be effective only if the Government could bargain with big companies from a position of strength. We have seen no evidence to make us change our view. If the Bill cannot be amended at this late stage, then further legislation is essential if we are to meet the original intent of *Labour's Programme* and to fulfil the industrial objectives set out above.

to provide reserve powers to issue, if necessary in the national inter-

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Woman was a judge for a day

Mrs Stella Hydleman, a barrister, was one of a number of counsel waiting to present their undefended cases to Judge Everett at the London Divorce Court yesterday when she was told: "The judge is not here. Will you take his place?"

The judge was on holiday. Mrs Hydleman was asked to be judge for a day, and agreed.

An official explained: "There seems to have been a misunderstanding over the court list."

Deputy judges are paid £425 a week. A spokesman for the *Lord Chancellor's Department* said: "I presume Mrs Hydleman will be paid on that basis. It is unusual for someone to sit as a deputy judge for only one day."

Mrs Hydleman was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple 21 years ago.

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nsen Motors lls in receiver

n Motors, the West Bromwich alist car manufacturer, has d in a receiver. The company tly launched a GT version of lensen Healey. The American r, Mr Kjel Qvale, blames union ulties as well as inflation for nancial problems. In the mean- cars will continue to be built. Bank of America has appointed ceiver Page 17

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illiam Craig, leader of the Van- Party, has been given an tunity to put a motion to the d Ulster Unionist Coalition in tempt to salvage a compromise the constitutional convention Page 2

World oil talks to resume in Paris

France has invited the main oil producing and consuming countries to resume their talks on energy and other Third World problems in Paris on October 13. An Elysée announcement said conditions were now favourable. Page 5

Delhi court rebuke

The High Court in Delhi ruled that the Indian Government had failed to satisfy it that Mr Kuldip Nayar, Delhi Correspondent of *The Times*, had been lawfully detained under the internal security laws. Page 6

Oil sovereignty fears

Fears for British sovereignty in the field of energy, particularly over North Sea oil, were expressed yesterday by Lord Lauderdale, chairman of a Lords select committee which has been examining EEC documents on European oil strategy Page 4

Leicestershire are new champions

Leicestershire won the county cricket championship at Chesterfield yesterday for the first time since the club was formed in 1879. Lancashire, their closest challengers, failed to gain enough batting points at Hove to stop Leicestershire, who in July also won the Benson & Hedges Cup under Ray Illingworth's leadership Page 8

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Meeting called to give Mr Craig a chance to salvage compromise on power-sharing

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

After another day of complex political manoeuvring Mr William Craig has been given one final chance to use his influence in the Protestant community to try to salvage a compromise from the constitutional Convention.

The decision was taken at a distinctly uncomfortable-looking lunch betwen the three leaders of the United Ulster Unionist Coalition, which took place in the crowded members' dining room at Stormont.

It was agreed that Mr Craig, the Vanguard leader, should be given the opportunity of putting an as yet unspecified motion in front of the full UUUC at a special meeting on Thursday morning. That will give him an opportunity to try to reverse the uncompromising vote against any form of sharing power, even in a temporary form, which resulted in his plans being defeated last week by 37 votes to one.

In spite of yesterday's determined efforts to paper over the cracks inside the "loyalist" coalition of 46 members it was clear that the divisions remain as wide as ever. Thursday's meeting will decide whether the power struggle has been won by Mr Craig or by Mr Paisley, who adamantly opposes the ideas of allowing Roman Catholic politicians into the Cabinet of any form of future government.

Much of the confusion that has surrounded the political upsets of the past few days has been deliberately encouraged in an effort to cover up the hard realities. But now, after 48 hours of intensive lobbying in their constituencies, the back-bench loyalists will have the opportunity to decide for themselves.

Although there has been a substantial groundswell of support for Mr Craig's more moderate line outside the Convention, particularly among members of the Ulster Defence Association, he faces an uphill struggle to win a majority inside the coalition.

Even a majority of the 13 members of his own Vanguard Convention party indicated yesterday they would be opposed to sharing power with the SDLP, even in an emergency coalition such as that outlined *and supported by Mr Craig.*

That emerged after a convention party meeting yesterday which succeeded in complicating the situation further. The members asked Mr Craig to withdraw his resignation but at the same time insisted on issuing a statement announcing that a "substantial majority" of them were opposed to the *centrepiece of his present* political platform.

Faced with the prospects of disintegration, it seems that the party created around the personality of Mr Craig has deferred responsibility on voting on his future in the coalition. He accepted their offer and withdrew his resignation.

It appears that only three Vanguard Convention members came out *wholeheartedly in* favour of Mr Craig's conviction that talks must be immediately reopened in an effort to reach a compromise. They are believed to have been Mr David Trimble, a Queen's University lecturer, Mr George Gree, leader of the Ulster Special Constabulary Association; and Mr Glen Barr, a leading loyalist spokesman.

Whatever might be said in the continuing string of public statements, it is clear that the only chance of talks between the SDLP and the full loyalist coalition resuming depend on Mr Craig's *performance* on Thursday. If it fails it will be regarded as a victory for Mr Paisley, who made his position quite clear yesterday.

He said: "I am not against holding talks, but could we talk honestly with the SDLP about having them in the government? I say 'no', because we have an *election manifesto which says* that we cannot do that. We will talk to the SDLP about other things, but it is evident now that they want to talk about nothing but being in the government."

The SDLP has repeatedly made clear that it will return to the negotiating table only if all options are left open for *discussion.* "It *is* totally unrealistic to think we could start talking again if that was not the case", a leading SDLP man said yesterday.

The Convention itself is moving into its final stages. At a meeting of the business committee yesterday there was unanimous agreement on the mechanics of preparing the final report, which will be drafted by *Sir Robert Lowry the chairman.*

When the 78 members reassemble tomorrow each party will withdraw after a short debate to table their differing proposals for a government. They will form the basis of the single final report, which will be sent to Westminster for consideration.

Many politicians are looking beyound the present Convention and some are reading signs of hope that Mr Craig's initiative will provide grounds for action by the British Government. Mr Brian Faulkner, formerly Mr Craig's bitterest political opponent, said yesterday that prospects for political progress were now better as a result of recent developments.

Student accused: Pamphlets found in a student's briefcase clearly encouraged soldiers in Northern Ireland to mutiny, Mr Michael Coomb, for the prosecution, said at Preston Crown Court yesterday.

They contained information about a deserters' support group in Sweden where political asylum was available for soldiers refusing to fight in Northern Ireland, he said.

The student, Andrew Lloyd, aged 31, of Cardigan Place, Leeds, denies possessing a document entitled "*Some Information for Discontented Soldiers*" with intent to seduce soldiers from their duty and allegiance to the Queen or aiding and abetting someone else to do the same.

Mr Coomb said the pamphlets were found in Mr Lloyd's possession when he was taken to the police station at Fulwood.

Mr Coomb said: "The document encourages soldiers to do *no other than mutiny. It is quite* clearly an effort to induce soldiers to go absent without leave or desert."

The trial is expected to last a week, and about fifty demonstrators supporting Mr Lloyd say they will picket the court



Lady Onslow after a letter bomb had exploded in her hands yesterday as she opened it in her flat in Notting Hill, London. Her head and arms were slightly singed but she declined hospital treatment. A police officer said: "Lady Onslow was very lucky, because only the detonator exploded."

BBC pays £500,000 for Olympics television

By a Staff Reporter

Britain's share of payment for the television coverage of the Olympic Games in Montreal next year will be up to £500,000. If the British commercial companies televise the Games, their share will be a third of that amount.

Announcing this yesterday, Sir Charles Curran, Director-General of the BBC and president of the European Broadcasting Union, accused the Canadian Olympic Games Organizing Committee of naivety and inexperience over their negotiations for the television rights of the Games outside North America.

Referring to the settlement of the dispute with the Canadians, he said: "I believe the result of these negotiations will be not so much to get the Olympic Games pictures as to consolidate the association between the EBU and the other *broadcasting unions. I do not* think anybody else should take us on in the future."

He described the £500,000 for Britain's share as "not cheap—a good deal, but not an over-good deal".

Asked if the BBC wanted to show the Games exclusively, Sir Charles said: "I have a pocket with a hole in it, but I have an *ambition for audiences.*"

It was stated that during the coverage of the Games the BBC would show major events up to 1.30 am.

Asked about the Canadian negotiators, who in January were asking for $30m, compared with an offer from the EBU and the East Europeans of $5m, Sir Charles said: "I think there were some rather inexperienced Canadians dealing with the matter."

He knew it had been said in Montreal that the West Germans might make their own deal, but he thought that a naive view. It was extremely unlikely that the EBU would split.

He had not thought the Canadians would hold out once it was made clear that the television organizations of the rest of the world would not go beyond a certain figure. "It would have been intolerable for the Canadians to have thought that their Olympics were going to be seen only by the United States. If you have lived in Canada, you would know the validity of that statement."

The games covered 15 days, with a potential broadcasting time of nine hours a day.

The deal, he added, meant that the four organizations directly represented would pay their $9.3m in United States currency; they were the EBU, the International Radio and Television Organization, the Asian Broadcasting Union and the Organization de la Television Ibero/Americana. The EBU share of $4.5m would be paid when a joint contract was signed in October.

In addition, the Arab States Broadcasting Union and our EBU member-organization had each offered $50,000 more. Montreal had also made the rights in the games available to African radio and television for $50,000.

No plans resign, says Mr Maudlin

By Clive Borrell

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Nationalized industries 'must diversify'

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est, directives on a wide range of industrial matters;
to invest in individual companies, or to purchase them outright, preferably by agreement with the company concerned or if necessary in the national interest, by statutory instrument, approved by Parliament;
to provide, if this is necessary in the national interest, for reserve powers to remove directors in firms with which the Government has a planning agreement;
to provide the means by which company law can be revised in the light of the changing needs of shareholders, consumers, workers and the community as a whole;
to put in an "official trustee" to assume temporary control of any company which fails to meet its responsibilities to its workers, to its customers, or to the community as a whole;
to provide powers to ensure that capital assistance to category I companies increasingly becomes available only through the planning agreements system;
to provide for the exercise of discretionary powers over prices for category I companies, to be exercised through the planning agreements system;
to place an obligation upon category I companies to enter negotiations, upon request, in order to conclude and to revise, periodically, a planning agreement with the Government.

The NEC says the Government must give much greater emphasis to planning. "Britain needs a new economic and industrial plan", it says, reviving memories of the National Plan which was produced when Lord George-Brown was Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. But it adds that the plan must do much more than simply set out the Government's broad assumptions on economic management.

We must lay down clearly our key industrial priorities. . . . We must draw out the implications for the key companies in each sector, whether or not these companies are within the planning agreements system. And we must be ready to identify publicly the constraints on growth in each sector, and to lay down a programme of action to deal with them.

In returning to the concept of national planning, we are conscious of the sense of failure which has tended to surround British attempts to plan. We believe, however, that we have learnt much from past failures. Our proposed new plan would rely not on out-of-date information, or on exhortation at national and industrial level but on face-to-face contact with big companies, backed by new industrial powers, new public enterprise, and the involvement of trade unionists.

The NEC suggests the creation within the Administration of a planning unit responsible for monitoring industrial performance against the plan and for urging action upon departments and public agencies.

It would act in an advisory "merchant bank role", giving advice on the allocation of investment funds between firms, sectors and regions. It would have a "powerful capability" to give advice when requests for help came in from companies in trouble.

Providing new jobs and new investment should be the positive task of the NEB, giving *important support to exports* and import substitution. The NEC adds:

It is essential that the NEB does not become a repository for lame ducks. We are already concerned that the NEB is becoming overloaded with problem firms. Indeed, if the NEB is unable to pursue an aggressive takeover policy towards viable firms, and instead has to wait for companies to come to it and ask to be taken over, it will quickly be reduced to a bankrupt failure. We accept that, on occasion, the NEB will have to assist in the performance of an "ambulance" *function as in the case of British* Leyland. But any losses involved should, in its accounts, be clearly separated out from its normal commercial activities. The responsible government department should provide the funds. . . .

We have always envisaged the NEB obtaining a good deal of its investment finance from retained profits. But this source alone will not be enough. The Government should take powers to provide *capital funds for the NEB of at* least £1,000m a year over the next five years.

We appreciate the importance of reducing the deficit on our public accounts as the economy expands. But we believe that a clear distinction has to be made between public borrowing for the purposes of acquisition, or for investment in manufacturing, and borrowing to finance public consumption.

The Government should encourage the present nationalized industries to diversify much more aggressively, possibly into gaps in industry identified through regional or sectoral plans.

"An essential part of our policies must be to instil into British industry a new responsiveness to the needs of its customers, and especially those overseas. The starting point for the plan needs to be the simple truth: Our customers do not owe us a living."

To double the level of investment in manufacturing over the next decade would mean achieving increases of at least a tenth every year. That was three times the annual increase over the past decade.

"None the less, the shift in resources would not be large, since manufacturing investment accounts for only about 4 per cent of the national output. We believe it can be done. We believe it must be done."

On the question of where the investment would come from, the document says that until recently retained profits were the main source. However, there had been a change from internal to external financing and that would have to be accepted, as it was in most other industrialized countries, and properly institutionalized.

The financial institutions, insurance companies and pension funds would also have to adapt to the new situation. They had not played a big enough role in providing capital funds for industry.

The NEC says it is considering ways in which the banks and *other financial institutions* could make a more positive contribution. Of particular interest was the NEDC [National Economic Development Council] report on the French financial system, an important part of which was the establishment of the level of the flow of funds which would have to take place from savings to investment.

"We believe the time has come for Britain to adopt a broadly similar approach", the NEC says.

(*Labour and Industry: the Next Steps*, NEC statement, Transport House, 20p.)

Strikers told that steel plant faces closure

From Tim Jones
Llanwern

The British Steel Corporation's Llanwern plant faces closure in November unless the new £65m blast furnace becomes operative by then. The warning that the plant's nine thousand employees may face a winter without jobs came yesterday from Mr Stanley Brooks, the works director, as the strike by members of the National Union of Blastfurnacemen entered its second day.

High winds could cause the 300ft cooling towers on the two older blast furnaces to collapse on to a huge gas holder, and because of that danger they *could not be operated at a satis*factory level of production, he said.

The dispute is over wage rates for working the new blast furnace, which has not produced one tonne of steel since being commissioned at the end of last year.

Mr Philip Bromiley, managing director of the Strip Mills Division, said: "This industry has got to learn that it has got 19 trade unions and each is dependent on the other."

Saying there were signs of an end of the recession in the industry, Mr Bromiley said it was a bitter disappointment that, having begun to turn the ship round, the company now saw it coming to a halt. Customers would begin to import steel from abroad.

He said the cash offer to the 100 workers in the union was £10 a week. "The strip mills division is currently losing £1m a working day and in the case of Llanwern we are looking at a £65m of idle investment.

"There is no question of a plot to close Llanwern. We need the steel it can produce. We have orders on the books *which require completion.*"

The company says the offer will increase the top pay rate from £77.63 to £87.94, with more from bonus schemes when the plant is in full production. It says the union is demanding £100 a week basic plus bonus payments that would amount to another £40.

The union says the offer would give only £3.37 a week for top men and points out that rates are calculated on a basis of a 52-hour week. It adds that it has agreed to fewer men working in the new blast furnace as a competition to greater productivity.

Mr Frederick Knapp, the union's district secretary, said conditions in the furnace would be "as primitive as they were 50 years ago".

Mr Ronald Phipps, one of the keepers, described his working conditions as dangerous, unpleasant and unhealthy. His men would still use bars and sledgehammers to clean channels along which the hot iron runs.

Mr Phipps, who was injured 14 years ago in an accident at Ebbw Vale, in which seven of *his crew burnt to death*, said the size of the new furnace means an increased risk of injury.

Eight face fraud charge

From Our Correspondent
Great Yarmouth

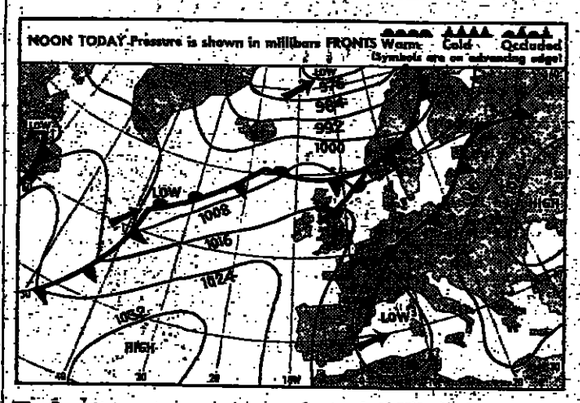
Ten men arrested in Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex at the week-end were charged last night and appear before Great Yarmouth magistrates this morning.

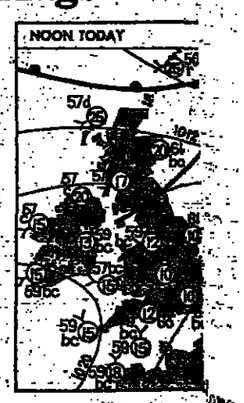
Eight are charged with conspiring to defraud the Royal Insurance Company of £153,369.79. The ninth man faces three charges of possessing a firearm without a certificate and one of possessing explosives. The tenth man is charged with possessing a gun.

The eight charged with conspiracy are: Geoffrey Allen, aged 56, a property dealer, of Diss; Paul Root, aged 24, a company director, of Ipswich; Terence Stace, aged 55, a builder, of Diss; Herbert Jarvis, aged 56, a riding school proprietor, of Stock, Esser; Alasdair McGregor Strachan, aged 27, a company director, of Colchester; Terence Robinson, aged 27, a company director, of Ipswich; William Elmer, aged 53, a surveyor, of Hockley, Essex; and Michael Howard, aged 37, a garage proprietor, of Keagrave, Suffolk.

The two men facing firearms charges are: Kenneth Cunningham, aged 49, a sales representative, of Ipswich, and Percy Ambrose, aged 51, a company director, of Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.36 am. Sun sets: 7.14 pm
Moon sets: 2.26 am. Moon rises: 5.16 pm
Full moon: September 20.
Lighting up: 7.44 pm to 6.8 am.
High water: London Bridge, 11.34 am, 5.9m (19.3ft). Avonmouth, 4.54 am, 10.1m (33.3ft); 5.32 pm, 10.8m (35.5ft). Dover, 9.13 am, 5.5m (18.0ft); 9.48 pm, 5.6m (18.3ft). Hull, 3.52 am, 5.9m (19.4ft); 4.39 pm, 6.1m (19.9ft). Liverpool, 9.33 am, 7.6m (25.0ft); 9.52 pm, 8.0m (26.4ft).

A ridge of high pressure over S England will slowly recede SE, while troughs will move quickly E across N districts.

Area forecasts:

London, SE, central S, E England, East Anglia, E Midlands, Channel Islands: Bright, clearer later, dry; wind light variable, becoming mainly W; max temp 18°C (64°F).

W Midlands, SW, NW, central N, NE England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, N Ireland: Cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle, some dry, brighter periods; wind W or SW, moderate; max temp 17°C (63°F).

Aberdeen, SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll: Cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle, hill fog; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 16°C (61°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, cloudy later, occasional rain; wind W, fresh, becoming strong or gale, SW; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Rain or drizzle spreading S to all parts; dry in S at first; temp near normal.

30-day forecast

Yesterday Meteorological Office issued the following forecast for the next 30 days: Mainly dry weather with temp returning to near or somewhat above average is expected for most of the first week of the period in S; it will probably be cooler and less settled in N. Over the 30 days as a whole considerable variation is expected. One or two cool spells with N winds are probable, especially in October, but some fine days are expected. Mean temperatures will probably be near average over Midland counties, East Anglia and S districts of England and Wales and N Ireland, and below average in remaining districts, with the second half of the period probably cooler, relative to average than the first. Sunshine amounts are likely to be about average except in W and N Scotland, where less than the usual sunshine is expected. Total rainfall will probably be below average in SW England, S Wales and N Ireland, and near in all other districts, likely to be above average in E Scotland.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 pm, 15°C (59°F); min, 7 am, 8°C (46°F). Rain, pm, 61 per cent. Rain, 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr, 8.7hr. Bar, mean sea level, 1,028.4 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm. Sunshine, Rain, Temp.

	Sun hrs	Rain ins	Temp °C	°F
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Scarborough	2.8	.01	13	55
Cromer	4.3	.01	15	59
Clacton	10.2	—	16	61
Margate	7.3	.03	16	61
S COAST				
Hastings	10.6	.04	16	61
Eastbourne	10.5	.01	16	61
Brighton	10.6	.06	16	61
Worthing	10.8	—	16	61
Bognor R	10.1	—	16	61
Selsey Bill	8.6	.02	15	59
Bournemouth	9.5	.11	15	59
Torquay	10.0	.11	15	61
W COAST				
Morecambe	11.3	—	15	59
Blackpool	9.1	—	15	59
Southport	7.2	—	13	55

Overseas selling prices:
Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, Fr 12; Canaries, Pes 40; Denmark, Kr 1.50; Finland, Mk 2.50; France, Fr 1.50; Germany, DM 1.50; Gibraltar, 20p; Greece, Dr 30; Holland, Fl 1.75; Italy, L 300; Luxembourg, Lf 20; Malta, 8c; Norway, Kr 1.50; Portugal, Esc 15; Spain, Pes 30; Sweden, Kr 1.50; Switzerland, Fr 1.50; Tangier, 1.50; Yugoslavia, Din 12.

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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

Job opportunities for graduates 'have suddenly disappeared'

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

Job opportunities for graduates have disappeared during the last week or so, according to employers of graduates and university career services.

Until a month ago there were many jobs for graduates, but those who left getting a job until the last moment will find it difficult. The prospects for next year are uncertain. Employers are likely to be more cautious because of the uncertain economic situation.

Mr Robert Willott, publishing director of Haymarket Publishing Ltd, said that employers were not nearly as enthusiastic about graduate recruitment as they were six months ago. He was talking at a lunch in London yesterday to launch the new edition of *Directory of Opportunities for Graduates*.

He said that there had been a decline of nearly a fifth in the number of jobs for social science and arts graduates this year compared with last year. There was a rise, however, of one sixth in the demand for economics and business studies graduates. Postgraduate employment opportunities were declining. Ireland, Scotland and the North-west of England were cutting back on last year's recruitment levels by as much as a quarter.

"Scientific services, chemicals and other manufacturing show a growth in recruitment, but industries like textiles, gas, electricity and water have slashed their recruitment needs", he said.

Mr Brian Putt, director of the Central Services Unit, which helps graduates to get jobs, said that the number of employers advertising in his fortnightly bulletin had dropped suddenly from 120 to 67. He said that next year employers might be more cautious.

Mr Peter Wallum, graduate recruitment coordinator for the British Steel Corporation, said next year was likely to be fairly difficult for graduates.

British Steel and other large companies would stick to a level graduate recruitment programme, but there would probably be a dramatic fall in graduate recruitment among smaller companies. He advised graduates to get their jobs as soon as possible after the autumn term started.

Competition to improve quality of urban life

By John Young
Planning Reporter

A competition to elicit ideas for improving the quality of urban life was announced yesterday. It will seek suggestions for conserving energy and resources and way of evaluating the dispersal of people and jobs from large urban areas.

The idea for the competition arises from growing agreement that twentieth-century planning policies have scarcely alleviated poverty, homelessnes and unemployment. Despite widespread slum clearance and urban redevelopment, the designation of about 30 new towns and successive government attempts to direct investment into areas where it is most needed, deprivation is in many ways more acute than at the end of the last century.

The soaring cost of building, buresucratic indecision, and ideological disputes over the allocation of housing resources have not helped. Public transport has become prohibitively expensive to run, and the motor car is making ever increasing demands on land and capital.

The competition is sponsored by the Letchworth Garden City Corporation in association with the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Royal Town Planning Institute of British Architects, the Royal Town Planning Institute and the Town and Country Planning Association. Letchworth was the first garden city in Britain.

Details may be obtained from the Competitions Officer, Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London, W1N 4AD, Tel 01-580 5533, extension 235.

MPs criticize Mr Short for setting up duplicate committee

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Mr Short, Lord President and Leader of the House of Commons, is bitterly criticized by members of the Commons Select Committee on Procedure in a report published yesterday for his decision to appoint another committee to review the way the House does its business just when they were examining the same subject.

The select committee was considering how the number of late sittings could be reduced. But Mr Short's decision to set up a committee for a wider review "unfortunately diminishes the value of any attempt by us to deal with late sittings in the full and proper context of the whole public business of the House", the report says.

Thus the committee restricted the scope of its inquiry to those proposals which might reduce the number of sittings prolonged after 10.30pm.

Mr Geoffrey Finsberg, Conservative MP for Camden, Hampstead, sought to extend the criticism of Mr Short by referring to his "cavalier treatment" of the committee, but the members were equally divided, and Mr Sydney Irving, Labour MP for Dartford and chairman of the committee, gave his casting vote against including those words.

When he appeared before the committee Mr Short suggested that to obtain immediate relief for the parliamentary timetable the report stage of Bills should be sent to a committee for consideration, instead of being taken on the floor of the House.

In theory, the House could use morning sittings as provided by standing orders, but Mr Short and Mr Mellish, Government Chief Whip, thought that the earlier experiment with morning sittings had failed.

The committee points out that the late sittings in the past session did not arise from any particular category of business but from the total volume. "Certain evidence given to us suggests that the present session may have been exceptional", the report says. "The Chief Whip stated that in view of the Government's small majority and the uncertainty of the future it had determined to get as much legislation as possible on the statute book this year."

Mr Mellish said: "We have gone for too much and we have overloaded the machinery. We are not the first government to do it. The Opposition have not been difficult at all."

The committee says it would certainly be possible to subject a Bill to a more thorough reconsideration in a committee "upstairs", where time is less pressing than in the House itself, but it would not necessarily mean that the Government would get its business through more quickly.

Although it might be tolerable as a procedure for non-contentious Bills, it was essential to maintain the right of individual MPs to decide on the important details of a Bill during at least one stage in the legislative process.

The interests of constituents and the liberty of the subject might be deeply affected by the details of the clauses. Mr Mellish put the point succinctly, the committee notes, when he said in relation to the issue: "Whenever you stop a debate it is undemocratic."

There is also the difficulty of manning committees. If the report stage committee were to be the same as the one that took the committee stage the proceedings would presumably be a repetition. So a different and bigger committee would be needed, especially to allow representation to the minor parties.

But, the report says, there are already too many committees. On June 24 this year, for example, 241 MPs were engaged on committees, and by that date all but 62 of the members of the House had been appointed to serve on one committee or another. (29 of the 62 were members of the Government).

"Moreover", the report says, "committees . . . now sit regularly both in the morning and throughout the evening and late into the night. There seems little purpose in clearing the floor of the House for wide general debates on matters of public interest if so great a proportion of members is involved in committee work."

Mr Short proposed that there should be a safeguard to ensure that all MPs should have the opportunity to seek to amend a Bill on the floor of the House at report stage if it was contentious. If 10 or 20 MPs rose in their places to oppose a Bill being sent to a report stage committee it would have to be taken in the House.

The committee thought the figure must be a low one, at most 10. "Unless the figure were set low, the minority parties in the House would have no protection against collusion between the Front Benches of the major parties", the report says.

The select committee concluded that on controversial legislation the House as a whole should be able to consider and amend details. It therefore could not recommend Mr Short's proposal to the House.

Self-employed group seeks public figures for key posts

By Diana Geddes

A number of prominent public figures, including politicians and busines smen, have been approached by the National Federation of Self-Employed to take over key positions in the dispute-torn organization. Some are stated to have expressed a keen interest in the proposition, despite the federation's difficulties.

Last week eight members of the federation, including a vice-president, calling themselves the Reform Group, claimed that the 42,000-member organization was ridden with factional strife, undemocratic and secretive, and had spent more than £250,000 in 10 months on projects, some of which were dubious value to the cause of self-employed. They called for the resignation of three of the federation's executive officers.

At a press conference in Manchester, Mr Richard Graves, the treasurer, and Mr John Kelly, the secretary, announced their resignations. At a meeting of the national executive on Thursday a vote will be taken on a motion calling for the resignation of Mr Keith Shouls, the £6,000-a-year chief executive officer. Mr Norman Small, the founder and president resigned last month.

Yesterday Mr Jim Waters, the acting chairman, trustee and a vice-president of the federation, criticized the reform group and Mr Graves and M Kelly for having chosen to air their comments in public, without reference to the democratically elected national executive committee. Comments to the effect that the federation was facing financial disaster or that it was on its last legs were totally irresponsible, Mr Waters said. On Saturday Mr Graves forecast that the organization would collapse within months.

Mr Waters said he was certain that the next meeting of the national executive on Thursday would "take decisive and positive action" on the issues of the past week.

The federation has plans to launch a national campaign, opening with a rally in London next Sunday. That was the kind of activity for which the federation for formed, Mr Waters said.

Council 'unjust on land-letting'

Complaints against Montgomery District Council of unjust treatment of a man wanting to rent land forming part of its agricultural smallholdings estate have been upheld by Mr D. W. Jones-Williams, Commissioner for Local Administration.

He rejected an allegation that there was a breach of a promise by an officer relating to the letting of the land, but added that the three specific allegations of maladministration were supported by the facts. The council had taken steps to remove the injustice.

Puzzle of oil-rig divers' death from overheating

From Ronald Faux
Aberdeen

The two divers who died in a decompression chamber on a North Sea drilling rig last week had suffered "overheating", Mr Malcolm MacNeill, Procurator Fiscal in Aberdeen, said yesterday.

The cause of death was disclosed after the post-mortem examination. Mr MacNeill said they had died from hyperthermia, a form of overheating.

Oceaneering International Services, which employed the two divers, is investigating the possibility of a temperature build-up in the chamber, part of a system of decompression chambers on board the drilling rig, Waage II, but specialists were puzzled how that could have occurred.

Usually the difficulty with diving, particularly in the North Sea, is hypothermia, or loss of body heat. The accident will be the subject of an inquiry and the new Institute of Offshore and Environmental Medicine in Aberdeen is to study questions raised.

The men who died after a routine working dive to 390ft, about 150 miles east of Orkney, were Peter Holmes, aged 29, and Roger Baldwin, aged 24, both from Dorset, and both experienced Service-trained divers.

Mr Keith Beck, manager for Oceaneering International at Aberdeen, said yesterday: "We have never heard of an incident like this. We have always been aware of the heating problem but it is normally concerned with heat loss. Hyperthermia has never been considered a major danger."

Dr John McCrae, chairman of the British Medical Association's study on North Sea diving, who called for an institute to specialize in underwater medicine in commercial diving, said: "The body will operate only within a limited range of body temperature. Hyperthermia can occur in very hot countries, but here it happens only in unnatural and exceptional circumstances."

Commander Peter Cobby, chief diving instructor at the new underwater training centre near Fort William, a diver for 25 years, said: "I have never encountered this kind of accident. Although the difference between comfort and discomfort in a decompression chamber is critical and between 29 and 31°C, it should be a straightforward matter of control. In this case the temperature must have been considerably more."

Commander Cobby said that after using oxygen and helium equipment to make a saturation dive at 350ft or more the men would be expected to spend at least 36 hours decompressing in the chamber. There would be temperature sensors and a constant communication line. The final check would be an automatic emergency system.

Threat to stop creamery milk lifted

Our Agricultural Correspondent

There will be no disruption of milk supplies this week at creameries in the West of England owned by Unigate, the company and the Transport and General Workers' Union said in a joint statement yesterday. It said the union would hold a meeting to review developments at Wincanton, Somerset, on today.

Creamery workers had threatened to interrupt supplies of milk because the recession in dairy farming had reduced supplies for butter and cheese.

The industry is confident that the Government will press at the next meeting of EEC agriculture ministers on September 29 for a revaluation of the "green pound", which will encourage a rise in the price of milk. This would stimulate output by producing butter and cheese and would ultimately safeguard the future of creameries.

Hope of curing paraquat poisoning

A research team at Strathclyde University believe they may have found an antidote to paraquat. Dr Thomas Gilchrist, leader of the team, said yesterday that experiments with animals had shown that the weedkiller could be removed from the bloodstream.

"We think we have something that could fit the bill as the clinician see its", he said. "He requires something to take the paraquat out of the bloodstream. We have devices prepared, and the medical clinicians are prepared to use these on patients, should it be advantageous to do so."

Only clinical trials would show if the apparatus developed by a team of biomedical engineers would provide a cure for human beings.

Hope of a cure comes from the development of new artificial kidney machines, designed to remove poisons from the bloodstream.

Court orders supporter to compensate policeman

A football supporter was conditionally discharged for a year at West London Magistrates' Court yesterday after he had admitted assaulting a policeman. The incident arose during the Queen's Park Rangers match with Manchester United at Shepherds Bush on Saturday.

Rogozinski, aged 24, a plasterer, of Oxney Road, Hammersmith, who said he was chairman of a supporters' club, was ordered to pay £8 costs and to pay £5 compensation to Police Constable Raymond Bell. He was also fined £10 for being drunk and disorderly.

James Wakefield, aged 15, a trainee engineer, of Church Road, Hayes, Middlesex, was sent to a detention centre for three months for using threatening behaviour after the match.

Anthony Mulrenan, aged 22, a warehouseman, of Nuffield Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester, was fined £25 for abusive behaviour. He said: "I was refused entry to the ground although I had a ticket. It was because of my boots."

Eight other supporters were fined a total of £105.

Four cleared on $1m charges

Four men facing charges involving $1m worth of American travellers' cheques stolen in a raid at Heathrow were cleared by a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

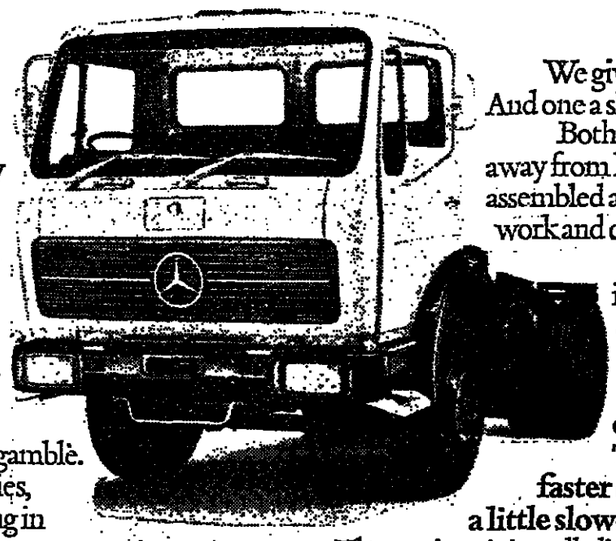
Peter Vincent, aged 34, of Egbert Close, Egham, Surrey, John Donald, aged 48, of Cranley Road, Staines, Middlesex were found not guilty of handling the cheques between January 9 and 12 last year. Thomas McFadden, aged 39, of Pennine Mansions, Maida Vale, London, was cleared of dishonestly handling the cheques and arranging to assist their removal.

Andrew Donaldson, aged 48, of Green Dragon Lane, Brentford, was cleared of stealing the cheques and dishonestly handling them.

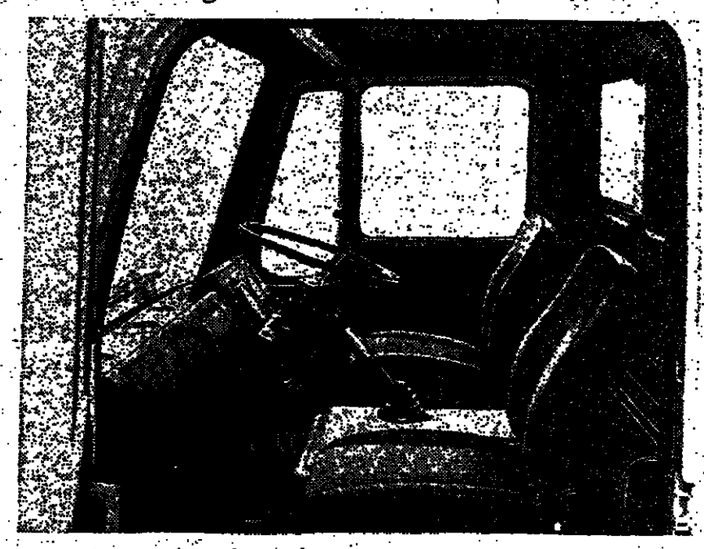
The cheques, owned by the First National City Bank, disappeared after being sent by registered mail on a flight from Kennedy airport to Heathrow. The loss was discovered at the Post Office's central office in King Edward Street, City. The cheques were being sent to the bank's office in the Strand.

The prosecution had suggested that the cheques were offered back to the bank for a reward when the gang found that the face value, $1,000 each, was too high.

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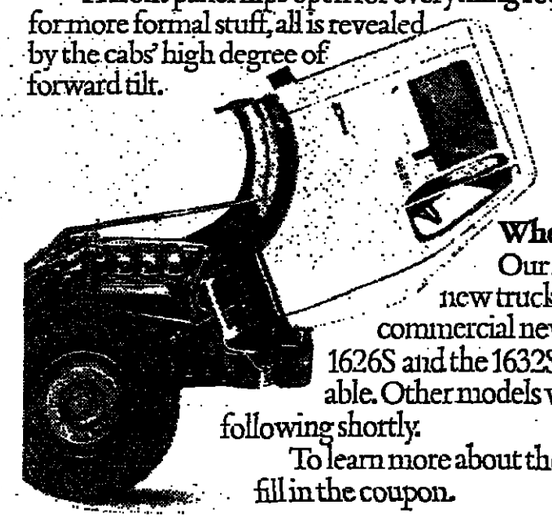


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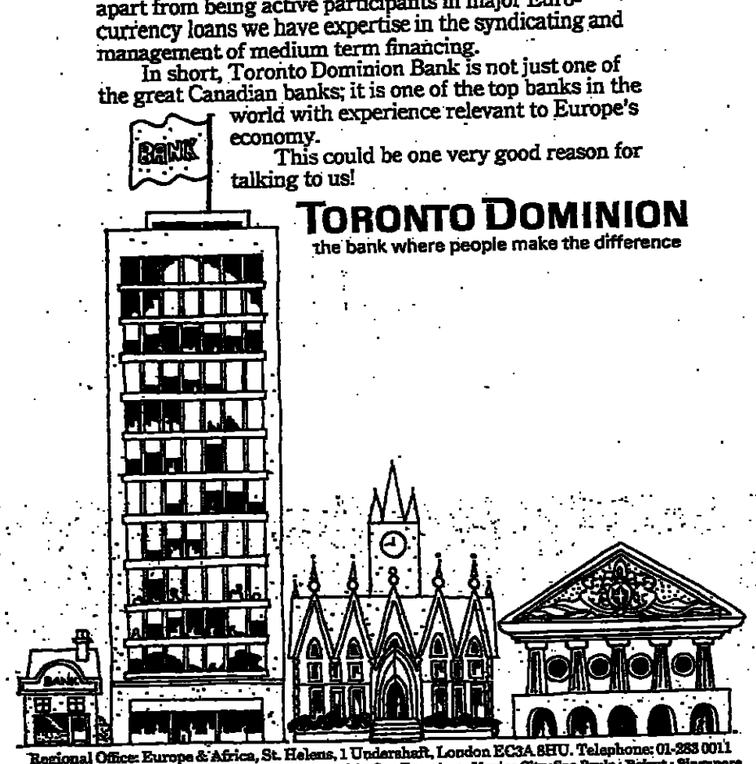
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HOME NEWS

Vets demand national meat hygiene controls

From Our Veterinary Correspondent
York

The standards and controls of meat hygiene in slaughter houses in Britain are lower than in almost every other developed country in the world, Dr Derek Tavernor, president of the British Veterinary Association, said at the annual congress of the association at York yesterday. He said that the veterinary profession would continue to demand a centralized meat hygiene system under direct veterinary supervision. It was a national matter but it was not being tackled nationally.

Dr Gavin Strang, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, opening the congress, noted the recommendation in the recent Swann report that meat for human consumption should be under veterinary supervision from the farm to the consumer. He could not say how or when the increasingly obvious gap between Britain and other advanced countries would be closed.

Greater progress had been made in our defences against rabies, he said. There were stricter regulations and closer control at the points of animal entry, and the ministry was far better prepared to cope with an outbreak.

While those precautions were improved further, it was all-important that the public should recognize their responsibilities. Only one animal smuggled through the customs could permanently transform one favourable aspect of life in this country's freedom from fear when handling cats and dogs.

Mr George Taylor, who is responsible for animal welfare at the Ministry of Agriculture, said the care of animals passing through Heathrow airport was being made more difficult because drugs, diamonds, and explosives were being imported inside them. Customs officials placed greater emphasis on security than on rapid unloading of crated animals, and that caused increased suffering and even death.

The public did not appreciate that animals or birds found dead on arrival in appalling conditions at Heathrow were victims of corruption in the Far East. Britain led the world in prescribing standards for air transport but they were often ignored by local labour abroad, including customs officials, who could be bribed.

Boxes carrying animals were not even marked as such, and Britain had no power to prosecute foreign airlines.

Fear for British sovereignty on North Sea oil

The Government was warned yesterday "to watch out" for the erosion of British sovereignty in energy, and particularly its control of North Sea oil.

The warning came from Lord Lauderdale, chairman of the Lords' Select Committee on Energy which has been examining EEC documents on energy strategy. He said in London that the EEC was working steadily towards getting Britain involved and entangled in a highly interventionist policy.

The commission proposes cutting dependence on imported fuel by a big development of nuclear power, higher exploitation of indigenous oil and gas, development of the coal industry, and conservation of energy.

In its report the select committee suggests saving energy by research on new resources and by using surplus heat from generating stations. It gives the commission's proposals a hostile reception and rejects suggestions for integrating the Nine's energy policies.

Lord Lauderdale said Britain had consented to resolutions in EEC council meetings even though energy policy was at an early stage.

As a consensus built up it might become difficult for Britain to resist Community pressures. Despite assurances by successive governments that "North Sea oil is ours", the European treaty prevented Britain from limiting exports.

Intellectually the commission's documents were at sixth-form level he said. There was a dangerous emphasis on a crash nuclear programme which was incompatible with safety.

Our Science Editor Writes: Two possible ways of saving large amounts of energy in the medium and long term by a European energy conservation programme are proposed in the select committee's report, published yesterday.

The first action suggested is a special research and development project to identify new resources of hydrocarbon and nuclear fuel raw materials; the second suggestion is for the development of power stations for the joint production of electricity and surplus heat for industrial and domestic purposes.

The committee believes that those measures are the most likely to achieve a Community policy to "produce some increased degree of self sufficiency and some mitigation of the long term resource shortage".

These straightforward proposals came after a detailed inquiry of the arguments of the European Commission for cutting dependence on imported fuel.

The report contains some criticism of the forecasts for future energy needs used by the European Commission. Doubts are cast on the assumptions that must have been made about population, economic growth and social habits, which have such an important bearing on any forecast.

Indeed, the committee suggests that the attempt to examine conservation issues begs the main question. How far, it asks, are rising energy needs required for the general advantage as distinct from the wasteful demands of mere comfort in an increasingly sophisticated and demanding society?

The Labour Party's ambitious nuclear programme suggested by the mission comes under scrutiny for not taking account of the claim on c and engineering resource the need for manpower materials, and still less environmental and also safety hazards of a crash programme.

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Coach crash driver 'saved lives'

A survivor of a coach crash in which 10 people died said yesterday that the coach driver may have made a last-minute evasive manoeuvre which prevented an even higher toll.

Mr David McNair, aged 58, an electrician, of Ryelands Drive, Brighton, was giving evidence in the trial at Dumfries Sheriff Court of Paul Colclough, aged 22, a lorry driver, accused of causing the deaths of the coach driver and nine passengers by dangerous driving.

The crash happened on June 16 on the A74 Carlisle to Glasgow road, north of Beattock, Dumfriesshire, as the coach was carrying pensioners from Brighton on holiday.

Mr Colclough, whose address was given as care of the Victoria Hotel, Newnham, near Gloucester, pleads not guilty to driving dangerously and recklessly, failing to keep his lorry under proper control and causing it to cross the central reservation. He also denies an alternative charge of driving without due care and attention.

Mr McNair, who said he was sitting in the fourth row from the front of the coach, told the court that the speed of the coach at the time was probably 40 mph.

He saw a lorry coming across the central reservation only momentarily before the crash.

Mr McNair said the coach driver possibly took a slightly evasive action by steering to the right just before the impact: "Otherwise we would have gone over a 50ft drop to the river. I am afraid there would have been very few survivors then".

Mr William Howe, aged 68, a retired police inspector, of Slyne Road, Bolton-le-Sands, Lancashire, said he was travelling behind the coach, gradually catching it up, when he saw the lorry cross the reservation and crash into it.

Asked about the speed of the lorry as it crossed the reservation, Mr Howe said: "If you had blinked an eye, you would have missed it."

Mr William Walker, of Peter Street, Workington, who had been overtaken by the coach before the accident, said he heard a muffled bang.

He thought afterwards that the noise he heard was his front tyre going, but it might have been a backfire from another car.

Police constable Thomas Ewart said Mr Colclough, in a statement in hospital that night, told him: "I was on a straight bit of road. I did not hear a bang as though I had had a blow out, but it could have been. But it just shot straight from the nearside lane across the offside lane.

"I tried to pull it back. Nothing happened and it shot across the central reservation. My speed was 40 mph."

Mr Donald Cameron, a forensic scientist, said he examined the two front tyres of the lorry. He had no doubt that the impact deflated them.

Lack of st leads to more drug at hospita

Overworked doctors at field mental hospital are to use drugs to sedate patients because of a staff shortage.

Miss Joan Maynard, MP for Sheffield, Bri stated that yesterday s had visited Middlewoo tal, where 550 staff loo 1,300 patients.

The hospital secret Kenath Jones, agreed y that another 240 nurs needed if the hospital provide satisfactory ca

"To suggest that patients are being sed cause of lack of nurs gives the wrong impr he said. "But it is s if we had more staff w be able to extend methods of treatmen would minimize the use quillizer drugs.

"I cannot say what tage of patients would given drugs if we had but basically it is on who disrupt and distu patients.

"These drugs do about unconsciousnes bring about behaviour t tions which make patie manageable. It is wron gest that as soon as walk in we are sedatin to make them more ma so that staff can cope.

Miss Maynard inte raise the matter in th of Commons as part of paign to get more mor cated to northern hos vices. She is to ask D Owen, Minister of Hea Social Security, to make investigation. "This is tive approach to nursin said.

Mini carrier for aircraft planned

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

A British shipbuilding firm has completed an outline design for a mini carrier not much bigger than a modern frigate which could carry as many as eight Harrier vertical take-off aircraft to sea.

The plans for the Harrier Carrier, which should displace up to more than 6,000 tons and need no more than 250 officers and men, is being unveiled by Vosper Thornycroft at the Royal Navy Equipment Exhibition, which Mr Rodgers, Minister of State for Defence, will open today at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

The ship would look like an aircraft carrier with a 450ft flight deck. It could also carry helicopters and perhaps be used as a small anti-submarine cruiser.

But its relatively low cost and small crew should put it within range of smaller navies which are interested in using a limited amount of air power at sea. It certainly would be with the Page United States Navy [illegible] which has recently been visiting Britain.

No price has yet been worked out for the ship, but Vosper Thornycroft said that at least two and possibly three could be built for the cost of HMS Invincible, the large anti-submarine cruiser being built by Vickers at Barrow-in-Furness to take Harriers to sea for the Royal Navy.

The big question is how far it will interest the Shah of Iran, who is deciding whether to order a ship of the Invincible class for his growing navy.

Hawker Siddeley, maker of the Harrier, cooperated with Vosper Thornycroft as consultants during a feasibility study which may offer them greater scope in their efforts to sell the Harrier overseas.

More than 400 visitors from 70 countries, including ten chiefs of staff, are expected to visit the exhibition, the third of its kind.

Naval equipment accounts for about a third of Britain's arms exports, which have been estimated at £550m in the present financial year.

Mr Heath going back to his 'surgeries'

Mr Edward Heath is to hold "surgeries" for his constituents for the first time for more than 15 years. Now that he no longer holds a prominent position in government or opposition he is able to carry out this most fundamental of an MP's tasks, his agent, Mr Geoffrey Speed, said yesterday.

Mr Heath, MP for Bexley, Sidcup, has entered six surgery dates in his diary for the next six months starting on October 17.

"Even though he has not been able to hold a regular surgery he has still met large numbers of constituents to deal with their problems", Mr Speed said. "But this has had to be at fixed times because of the pressure of his work. In addition, he always has a huge mail-bag to handle. Now he will be able to help constituents as and when they turn up."

It is hoped that not too many people will arrive, however, for the former Prime Minister has only 90 minutes to spare for each session.

Mr Ronald Briscoe, Labour Party vice-chairman at Sidcup, said: "I am sure people will be delighted that he has at last decided to do what all MPs should. But it astounds me that he can find only 90 minutes a month to spare for his constituents."

Woman JP fined £50 for shoplifting

From Our Correspondent
Manchester

Two pretexts of innocence by a woman JP at Manchester Crown Court yesterday when she was convicted of shoplifting from a supermarket, brought a stern rebuke from Judge Zigmond. He told the jury: "I would have thought a magistrate would know better than that, wouldn't you?"

He had just fined Mrs Constance Owen, aged 45, of College Avenue, Formby, a Merseyside magistrate for four years and wife of a solicitor, £50 for the theft of foodstuffs valued at £1.74½ from a shop at Formby, Lancashire, on May 3. He told the jury after their verdict: "I honestly do not believe you had the slightest alternative". Turning to Mrs Owen, he said: "Hard though it is for you, I am conscious of the gravity of this matter and I say no more".

Mrs Owen interposed: "I did not do it". As she left the courtroom she turned to say: "I want you to know I did not do it", and then hurried out.

Her husband said: "We shall be taking further legal advice with regard to a possible appeal".

Mrs Owen was ordered to pay £75 towards the costs of the prosecution.

Station to reopen

British Rail has agreed to reopen the Metheringham station next month, after the successful reopening six months ago of Ruskington station on the same line, between Lincoln and Sleaford.

30,000 more people living in South-west

By a Staff Reporter

The South-west of England has had a net population increase, through migration of more than 30,000, figures derived from the 1971 census, 10 per cent sample, and published today reveal.

They show that in the year before the census in April, 1971, there had been a net gain by migration of 33,120. The 10 per cent sample had shown that 120,420 people entered the region but only 87,300 left.

The mobility of the population in the South-west is shown by the number of people who moved house during the year before the census; 476,040. They represented 13 per cent of the total population of 3,780,955. In the five years before the census 1,355,050 people had moved, 36 per cent of the population.

The figures were obtained by multiplying by 10 the results of the 10 per cent sample in the survey.

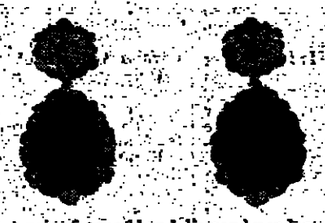
Census 1971, England and Wales; Migration regional report (10 per cent sample) South West Region, Part 1 (Stationery Office, £2.95).

Captain fined £75 under rabies law

Captain Sachea Dumitra, master of a Romanian cargo ship, who allowed a dog to play on deck with members of the crew when his ship was in dock, was fined £75 and ordered to pay £20 costs under the Rabies and Diseases of Animals Acts at Hull yesterday.

He pleaded guilty to failing to keep the dog in an enclosed part of the ship.

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oreign ministers of the EEC, inning their first council sting since the summer holi-, thought it likely that M n Sauvagnargues, the French eign Minister, would sug- a prepartory meeting for conference about the ldle of next month with in- tions being issued without ay.

t was agreed at the July mmit of European heads of ernment in Brussels that nce should seek to recon- e the ill-starred preparatory eting for such a conference ich broke up in misunder- ading and acrimony in April Paris.

ne reason for urgency is t the Opec (oil and roleum exporting) countries l be holding a meeting of ir own towards the end of month to discuss possible e rises, and it is considered irable that they should have eived their invitations to the paratory consumer-producer ks before then.

he atmosphere for such talks also felt to have improved ce the United Nations cial session, devoted to the stion of raw materials, which long other things revealed a rowing of the differences ween the United States and rope in their response to the mands of the Third World.

he Nine have now elabor- d a broadly coordinated ap- oach to the raw materials oducers, which includes will- ness to seek prices that are th equitable and remunera- e through product-by-product mmodity agreements and to nsider a scheme for stabiliz- g the developing countries' port earnings.

But on the specific subject of ergy, which it is now gener- y accept cannot be separated entirely from discussion of other raw materials, Britain, as a country that expects soon to become a substantial producer, may find increasing difficulty in adhering to a common Community line.

Britain's long-term desire to see minimum floor prices established for oil, so as to protect its heavy investment in the high cost exploitation of North Sea deposits, is in basic conflict with the interest of the other eight EEC members, who are non-producers and want to see prices come down.

The foreign ministers will continue their discussions tomorrow, setting aside a large part of the day for talks with a Turkish ministerial delegation under the terms of Turkey's agreement of association with the EEC.

The Turks are expected to press for improved access to European markets for their agricultural exports, such as wine, and to draw attention to their growing trade deficit with the EEC. They are worried that they may suffer discrimination as a result of the new trade agreements, which the Community is negotiating with other Mediterranean countries.

Almost certainly, Ankara will also raise the question of improved social security provisions for Turkish migrant workers in the EEC, and ask for a clear reaffirmation of the Community's commitment to introduce free movement throughout the EEC for such workers over a 10-year period, starting in December, 1976.

The foreign ministers will also discuss technical difficulties that have arisen over the implementation of the Lomé convention, which was signed last February between the EEC and the 46 ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific) countries. So far about half the ACP countries have ratified the convention, but two-thirds must ratify it before it can come into force. Of the Nine, only Denmark has ratified to date.

M Jobert's little blue guide to art of politics

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Sept 15

Mao Tse-tung has his little red book. M Michel Jobert, the former French Foreign Minister, now has a little blue book entitled *The Simple Ideas of Life*, the product of his holiday meditations in Brittany.

"You will not discover the philosopher's stone of politics, but a guide to behaviour for responsible and adult citizens", he said with characteristic ingenuousness in presenting it to the Movement of Democrats, which he founded.

"Politics", one reads in the little book, "has, for the most part, remained the prerogative of a restricted circle, with its totems and taboos. It has remained rivetted in a nineteenth century conception of democracy, where the passiveness of the citizen is the rule, from the time he has been consulted directly or indirectly in an election.

"There is nothing to choose between capitalism and Marxism. The debate only interests professional politicians. Both systems have in common that neither, nowhere, has really succeeded for the benefit of the men to whom it is applied.

"Moreover, there is not and cannot exist a standard pattern of society. It is up to the citizens of a given period and country to create together and for themselves the city of their choice."

The little blue book's recipes will be the despair of political commentators: they take it harder than ever to pin a label on M Jobert.

Nato arms sophistication continues to improve

New missiles for both East and West

From Robert Fisk
Blomberg, West Germany
Sept 15

Some time in March next year a long convoy of pale blue Dutch Army lorries will make its way slowly towards the prim little German town of Blomberg with a complex cargo of computers, radar equipment and brand new Hawk anti-aircraft missiles.

The convoy will divide, some lorries taking their loads into the nearby countryside where the Dutch Third Missile Group have their sites; some will head into the plains towards Hanover while others will carry the missiles up into the forested hills of the Teutoburger Wald.

As the Dutch crews pull the protective covers off their improved Hawk anti-aircraft missiles their opposite numbers 60 miles away in East Germany will be awaiting the arrival of similar weapons, New Sam missiles, and the convoy will be travelling from the east under Russian escort.

To debate the merits of the weapons available to the East German and Dutch air forces is probably academic at this stage; Nato officers are not yet convinced of the Sam 9's reputation as a short-range missile, but the improved Hawk system will not be operational in the Second Allied Tactical Air Force area until 1978.

In spite of the euphoria at the Helsinki summit and the political conundrums of the Vienna talks on mutual balanced force reductions, Nato's sophistication continues to improve apparently abreast in quality, if not in quantity, with the Warsaw Pact. Just as the East German missile unit, stationed only 10 miles on their side of the frontier and fewer than 50 miles from Hanover, will be acquiring a potentially more accurate Sam system, so the new Hawk weaponry will increase the West's reaction time and provide a computer which will pick out the fastest enemy [illegible] heading in the direction of the Dutch bunkers.

> Where the Hawks face the Sams, there is a deceptively peaceful air and a discotheque

The Third Missile Group has a cosy base at Blomberg, many of its 840 men living in the town, 530 of them with their families, and only the occasional notice on the blue walls of the headquarters building directing personnel to a shelter in the cellar of "block 31" reminds the visitor that in the event of war the Russians may well send a clutch of nuclear missiles in its direction very quickly indeed. There is a detached, peacetime air about the place, down to the new mess and the discothèque.

The major commanding the Blomberg group's four missile batteries knows that an East German officer of roughly comparable rank is carrying out more or less the same function, although under Russian eyes, 60 miles away with about 200 more men than he possesses.

He knows, too, that the East German conscript missile crews work on site for two or three years while his own Dutch conscripts, who make up 40 per cent of the group's complement, stay for only 12 months, which leaves little enough time to get used to their work. The Dutch major was trained at El Paso in Texas, the East German probably in Russia, although while the Dutch have to go to Crete to fire their missiles, the East Germans have only to take a trip across country to the old Nazi V2 range at Peenemünde where the improved Sam 9 missiles can be launched over the Baltic.

Nato officers continually talk of the importance of their radar warning. The Nato countries will soon have a double row of low-level radar stations from Denmark to the Swiss border which can detect aircraft flying at treetop height to warn of an attack from East Europe.

But the East Germans, while improving their radar surveillance, have also adopted the habit of leaving all their outdated radar equipment over a 15-year period still in position. If Nato aircraft are ever ordered to the east, their pilots are going to have to find a way of identifying the more modern machinery if they are to cripple the East German screen.

But both sides, of course, use heat-seeking infra-red photography to watch the other's activities.

The missiles themselves can be put on alert in five minutes and can be operational at a forward wartime site in two hours although there is always a possibility of delay.

Angolan refugees find shelter at the Ritz

From Michael Knipe
Lisbon, Sept 15

Several hundred of the more *fortunate* Angolan refugees arriving in Lisbon are staying free of charge at luxury hotels, including the Ritz, because of the accommodation shortage. About 150,000 refugees have so far arrived and most of those who have no family homes to return to have been given temporary accommodation in workers' holiday camps and other improvised lodgings.

With most types of shelter apparently now exhausted, a group of about 45 were booked into the Ritz at dawn on Saturday after welfare officials had tried in vain to find them less opulent accommodation. Similar groups went to other luxury hotels. Because of the uncertain political situation of the past few months, most Portuguese hotels have few guests.

At one luxury hotel which received an influx of the refugees a waiter said: "There are more refugees here than ordinary guests. But it's better to work than to do nothing."

At the Ritz the refugees are receiving their meals in a separate dining room. An executive explained that in addition to the à la carte dining room the hotel always operated a second one for groups using the full pension fixed menu.

At the Tivoli Hotel where 160 of the 500 guests are Angolan refugees, large numbers of children of varying colours play hide and seek among the velvet covered sofas, occasionally tripping up delegates to a convention of the International Astronautical Federation who, with foreign correspondents, account for most of the other guests.

The refugees' luxury hotel rooms are being made available at a 50 per cent discount, costing about £20 a night for full board. The bills are being paid by the Institute for the Assistance of Returning Nationals, the government agency established to handle the refugees.

"We have already filled all the available rooms", one harassed official said. "Tonight, another 800 arrive and up until now we haven't got any guaranteed accommodation." He added: "I hate to think what it is costing but we have to do it. It's our obligation."

The refugees at the Ritz were philosophical over their unexpectedly luxurious surroundings. "At least we're comfortably installed," said one man, who had spent several sleepless nights at Luanda and Lisbon airports.

British, French, Swiss, German and United States aircraft are now assisting with the airlift from Luanda, according to officials. The British contribution is a VC-10 with three crews, a total of 42 people, to make maximum use of the aircraft. It is making five round trips a week, bringing back up to 700 passengers.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 refugees are now arriving daily, and from tomorrow, when there will be direct flights from Angola to Oporto in northern Portugal, it is hoped that the total will be nearer 4,000 a day.

An explosion early today at the transmitter of the national radio station at Guarda in north-east Portugal, about 15 miles from the Spanish frontier, wrecked the antenna and shattered part of the roof.

Lack of leads to more d at hosp

Rioters shatter fragile peace in Corsica

om Charles Hargrove
ris, Sept 15

The fragile peace in Corsica s shattered last night by ving bands of young hooli- ns in Ajaccio. They also attered the illusion in Paris at the Corsican problem ight somehow gradually solve itself without any fundamental hanges in the Government's pproach to regional demands.

The outbreak of violence hich followed an orderly emonstration is widely con- emned by Corsicans them- lves, including autonomist aders, though they consider romises are not enough.

For about five hours, the nds of hooligans roamed und the centre of Ajaccio, using considerable damage to blic buildings, banks and ops but no loss of life. Four embers of the riot police and e demonstrator were injured. Twenty-four people were de- ned for questioning. Most re later released but six have n charged.

M Jean Riolacci, the Prefect Corsica, said in a speech at first meeting of the re- nal council for the southern t of the island that he had sued a warning against demonstration for fear that might lead to disorder. He said the police arrangements had been very discreet and the disorders "provoked by young hooligans". He added: "For the future, we shall draw the necessary conclusions".

Developments in Corsica have produced a new appraisal in political circles, the press and public opinion of the regional problem, not only of Corsica but of other parts of France. The idea of elected regional assemblies, rejected in the timid regionalization law of 1972, is gaining ground. But a solid rearguard of men like M Michel Debré, and M Pierre Messmer, both former Prime Ministers, remain resolutely opposed to it.

But M Servan-Schreiber, the great exponent of "regional power" says in a leading article in this week's issue of *L'Express* that now is the time to remind President Giscard d'Estaing of his public statements in favour of regional power in 1969, at the time of the referendum which overthrew General de Gaulle, and again during his election campaign last year.

The magazine also published a poll which shows that 71 per cent of those questioned think the Corsican problem could be solved if Corsica had an elected regional assembly.

ritish airliner ids off lbao runway

British Trident jet airliner North-East Airlines carrying passengers and a crew of it skidded off the runway le taking off from Bilbao ort yesterday.

o one was injured in the dent, but airline officials that substantial damage had caused to the aircraft's ercarriage and wings.

spokesman for the airline, h is part of British Airways, : "The take-off had been ted but the aircraft skidded the end of the runway. We yet to find out what caused ncident."

e airliner was en route Bilbao to London.

China's first envoy to EEC is accredited

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Sept 15

Mr Li Lien-pi became Peking's first Ambassador to the European Community when he presented his letters of credence today to the Council of Ministers and the European Commission in Brussels. He expressed his Government's satisfaction at the coming-together of the nine states of Europe in a new entity.

The occasion was essentially ceremonial as China some time ago had announced its intention to formalize relations with the EEC. For some years Peking has professed to see in the EEC the welcome emergence of a West Europe independent of both the American and Soviet superpowers.

arrested in Barcelona ter killing of policeman

Our Correspondent
id, Sept 15
anish police today announ- the arrest of 76 people in elona, where an intensive is continuing for two men shot dead a policeman rday.

a statement, the police said 6, nearly all in their early belong to various illegal izations like the Anti- st Revolutionary Patriotic t (FRAP), the Communist ment of Spain, the Revolu- ry Workers' Party of Spain various anarchist groups."

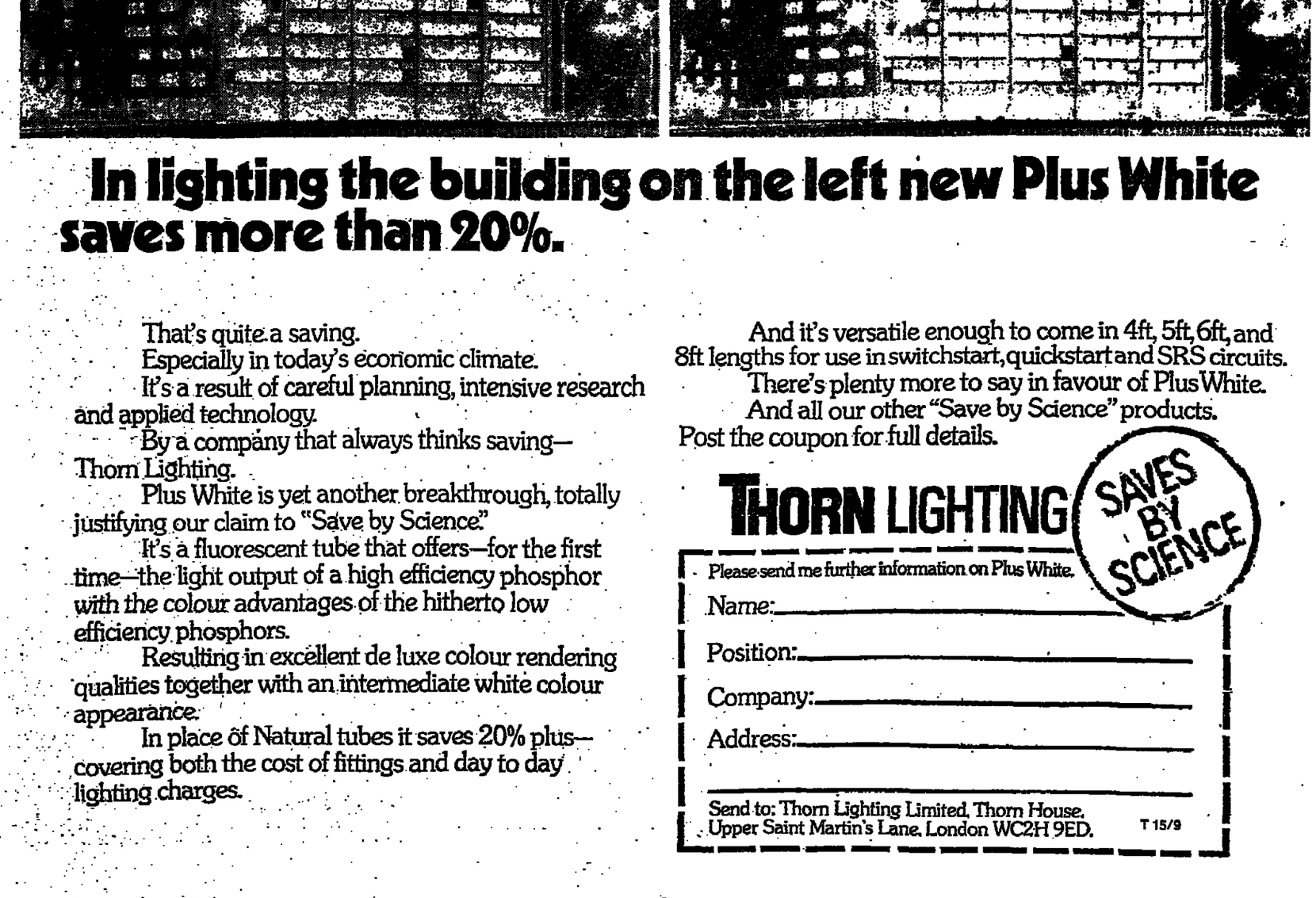
e killing of the policeman, Ruiz Munoz, aged 49, bears allmark of FRAP, although ganization has yet claimed nsibility. Three members RAP were sentenced to last week and two more ved prison sentences of 30 25 years. Observers in id feel that the policeman l have been shot in retalia- for the sentences. Lawyers appealed.

The policeman was walking home unarmed and in civilian clothes after finishing curing hair at a barracks in Barcelona, where he went every Sunday. Two men approached him from behind. One shot him twice in the head and then stabbed him three times.

He is the fourth policeman to be shot dead in two months. The other three killings were in Madrid. Police said they found many weapons, petrol bombs, materials to make explosives and duplicating machines when they made the arrests.

A man was seriously injured in San Sebastian yesterday when he tried to take down a Basque separatist flag which was planted on the top of a hill. When Cordoba Gomez, aged 42, went to pull down the flag, an explosive linked to it went off.

Six people were arrested today in Vitoria, in northern Spain. They are said to have been spreading propaganda.



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Court rebukes Indian Government for discourtesy while ruling editor's detention unlawful

Delhi, Sept 15.—The High Court ruled today that the Government had failed to satisfy it that Mr Kuldip Nayar, editor of the Express News Service and Delhi Correspondent of *The Times*, had been lawfully detained under the internal security laws.

The judgment, on a habeas corpus appeal, seems likely to lead to hundreds of similar petitions on behalf of people jailed without charge under the Indian state of emergency declared on June 26. Mr Nayar, aged 51, had already been freed after seven weeks' detention.

He was released on Friday, but Mr Justice Sesha Rangarajan decided to deliver his judgment as scheduled today because, he said, it had an important bearing on other pending cases. Two key sections of the judgment were that the courts retained the right to review detention cases, even under the emergency, and that the authorities must be able to satisfy the courts of the genuine need to detain.

Mr Justice Rangarajan also objected to the action of the authorities in releasing Mr Nayar without telling the court, after bitterly opposing his release during the hearing. This showed no courtesy to the court and was the action of an administrator who did not know the law, and thought the courts were against him, the judge said.

Mr Nayar is the author of three books on the subcontinent and was once press officer to the late Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri. Judgment had been reserved last Wednesday on the habeas corpus petition by his wife, seeking his release and challenging his arrest under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act as unlawful.

The Act has been used by the Government to detain hundreds of political prisoners and alleged economic offenders under the state of internal emergency. Several amendments were made to prevent arrests under it being challenged in the courts, but these now appear to have been overruled by the High Court judgment, legal observers said. They were uncertain, however, how much help it would give those detained for political reasons.

Mr Justice Rangarajan said that there had been no suspension of the right of habeas corpus in India. But there was an attempt to regulate liberty by law. The executive had no absolute power, however, to deprive an individual of personal liberty, which was indisputably a common law right.

Issuing a detention order was only a conditional exercise of power. In the present case, it seemed probable that the detaining authority had mistaken the scope of his authority under the Act, the judge said. The rule of law did not permit an arbitrary exercise of executive authority.

Mr Justice Rangarajan held that a detaining authority had not only to be satisfied that detention was necessary but to be able to prove that the grounds on which it based that satisfaction were factual.

He said that the facts set out in Mr Nayar's petition had not been challenged. These were that he had never been a member of a political party, had never taken part in a political demonstration, that he had not committed even an ordinary breach of the law, that as a journalist he had an international reputation for his objectivity and that no objection had been taken by the censors to any of his writing after the emergency.

Mr Justice Rangarajan said that the Government should have no objection to giving the court the reasons for his detention. There was no reason otherwise to believe that he was likely to disturb public order. The judge read the 50-page judgment on his own behalf and that of Mr Justice P. N. Aggarwal, who sat with him.—Reuter.



Teresa Ann Laws, left, and Lynn Francis, the two British schoolgirls freed yesterday by a Kenya court after facing charges of being involved in currency smuggling. With them is the wife of a British diplomat.

US draft dodgers ignore F clemency

From Our Own Corre
Washington, Sept 15.

President Ford's programme for opp the Vietnam war off pired today, after sev slots failed to attra fifth of those eligible.

The Clemency Boa chairman was Mr Goodell, a former s grivet some 16,500 a from among an 100,000 deserters and tion evaders, more known as "draft dod

Mr Goodell said board was "quite pl there is widespread of the lack that has offer full short the interpretation draft dodgers as was unattractive to resisters who studied colleges of South a vindication of the

There are also those even those who take advantage of programme are giving a numbers: Some 60 of the 5,554 returnee have already dropp their alternative pub work of which satisfa pletion is the only w a pardon.

The New York Time today that the Gove indicated it will n to prosecute these de political, as well reasons. Once regist programme they ar from military justice are discharged.

The position of evader is different returned from exile reemerged from th ground" to join the He is specifically criminal prosecution to complete his pub period. There are ou in this category a have so far been re non-compliance.

About half of the those registered again clemency pardons. 8,000 were told a alternate service ment increasingly f find in a time of high ment.



New Turkish threat to go it alone in Cyprus

Ankara, Sept 15.—Mr Rauf Denktash, the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community, threatened today to proclaim an independent Turkish Cypriot state if the Greek Cypriots push through the United Nations General Assembly a resolution on Cyprus unfavourable to the Turks.

Mr Denktash has been conferring with Turkish leaders here since his return from New York after the breakdown last week of a fourth round of peace talks between representatives of the two communities.

In an interview he said: "If (President) Makarios brings the matter before the United Nations General Assembly and continues to prevent us from addressing the Assembly, under the assumption that he represents all of Cyprus, we shall have no alternative but to ignore such a resolution and to declare our own independence in order to prove to the world that we are not represented by Makarios."

He said he would return to Cyprus later this week to seek a mandate from the Turkish Cypriot Constitutional Assembly on the independence question before proceeding to New York.

Asked whether his plans for independence had the support of the Ankara Government, Mr Denktash said: "I do not think Ankara will stop us from taking any action necessary for the protection of our rights and political status in Cyprus."

He accused Archbishop Makarios of trying to impede a settlement, and saw little hope for the resumption of communal negotiations in the near future.

But he expressed confidence that international recognition would be forthcoming in time if the Turkish Cypriots decided to go ahead with a declaration of independence.

Nine killed in new Beirut fighting

Beirut, Sept 15.—Violence broke out again here and in the northern port city of Tripoli today after the Lebanese Army intervened actively in factional fighting for the first time.

At least nine people were killed overnight in Beirut and 12 left-wing gunmen were killed in a clash with an Army patrol on the Beirut-Tripoli coast road.

The situation deteriorated despire the fact that Left-wingers called off a general strike planned for today in protest against the Government's order for the Army to intervene in the north last week.

Life in most of the capital was normal but there was some sniper fire in the south-eastern suburbs and streets there were almost deserted. But Tripoli, Lebanon's second largest city, was tense. Unconfirmed reports said gunmen attacked several police stations today and took about 20 gendarmes as hostages, apparently to avenge the 12 gunmen killed last night.

Telephone communications with Tripoli were very poor and the state-run Beirut radio kept up its warnings that it was unsafe to travel along the coast road to the port city.

At least 130 people have been killed during the past two weeks of factional violence in Tripoli and Beirut, according to police figures which are usually approximate and conservative.

A military spokesman said an Army patrol ran into left-wing gunmen on the Beirut-Tripoli road shortly before midnight. He said the gunmen were returning to Tripoli after blowing up a beach club.

The spokesman said the gunmen opened fire on the patrol and in the ensuing two-hour fight 12 of the left-wingers were killed, one wounded and three arrested.

It was the first time that Army units ordered last Thursday into a buffer zone between mainly Muslim Tripoli and the nearby Christian town of Zgharta, had intervened actively in the fighting.

When it was announced that the left-wingers had abandoned their call for a national strike today, many people assumed the situation would improve. But their hopes were dashed by the fighting during the night.

About 1,000 people were killed and 2,000 injured in three rounds of factional violence here earlier this summer. There are constant fears that another round in Beirut is about to start.

Some of the weekend fighting in Beirut appeared to have been started by disputes at petrol stations where motorists' tempers were running short because of a fuel crisis. Oil tanker drivers have refused to drive down the coast from Tripoli because of the fighting.

Overshadowing the current troubles is the prospect of presidential elections next year. Going by past experience most informed Lebanese expect the elections to be accompanied by violence and are pessimistically resigned to on-off factional fighting continuing for the next year.—Reuter.

Rockefeller tribute to British-US influence

A tribute to the joint history of Britain and the United States and its influence for good in the world was paid in London yesterday by Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller.

Mr Rockefeller was speaking at the opening of the American bicentennial exhibition, "The World of Franklin and Jefferson", at the British Museum. Mr Wilson was among the guests.

Mr Rockefeller said the exhibition was the centrepiece of the United States bicentennial celebration overseas. It marked, not a parting of two peoples 200 years ago, but renewal of a common faith in freedom.

"The roots of the American Republic lie deep in British soil", he said. He believed the American bicentennial held a deep meaning for the world. "The Anglo-American ideals upon which the American nation was founded are not artefacts of a dead past.

"They are vital components of a living history that give us meaning and direction as we seek our common destiny in a time of turbulent transition."

The United States wished to reaffirm the proposition set forth in the Declaration of Independence: that all, men are created equal, that they are endowed with inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that government everywhere is legitimized only by the consent of the governed.

Mr Rockefeller said that twice this century the American people were inspired by the courage and tenacity of Great Britain's stand against totalitarian aggression. But today national security was no longer a military question alone.

It was necessary to restore the strength and health of our economies and develop a common defence against attempts at economic manipulation.

We had to work to achieve the energy independence of the free world, and recognize that détente was a vital factor in reducing the risk of confrontation. We had to recognize that the Nato alliance remained the cornerstone of our military defence and ensure its solidarity and strength.

Mr Wilson and Mr Rockefeller discussed the world economic situation and energy problems for 45 minutes yesterday at 10 Downing Street. Mr Rockefeller, who was accompanied by Mr Elliot Richardson, the American Ambassador, was also given an account of the Government's counter-inflation policy. After the talks, Mr and Mrs Wilson gave a luncheon in honour of the Vice-President.

Dr Duane Squires, chairman of the New Hampshire American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, yesterday paid tribute to the editors and reporters of *The Times* for faithfully recording the ties of friendship and good will which had bound together Britain and the United States since 1815.

Dr Squires, representing the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States of the USA, was speaking at *The Times* on a visit in connexion with the bicentennial exhibition which will be staged by *The Times* at Greenwich next year.

Debate on Korea may head UN agenda

From Peter Strafford
New York, Sept 15

The United Nations General Assembly has begun this autumn's proceedings in an atmosphere of sheer hard work and with little of the public acrimony that marked last year's session. For the past two nights, delegates have sat up into the early hours negotiating in small groups about questions of trade and aid to development.

Tomorrow, the assembly will begin its regular annual session and many countries are hoping that this new spirit will spill over. That would be quite a contrast with last year, when the session ended with accusations of "tyranny of the majority" by the Americans and angry rejoinders from the Third World.

For the moment, however, it was still unclear just how much agreement could be reached on the critical economic issues. The special conference was due to end tonight, after two weeks of public and private exchanges, and last-minute negotiations were still under way to try and overcome differences.

The main problems, as they have been all along, were in the fields of trade policy and "transfer of resources". The developing countries wanted a new statement of policy from the industrialized world, and the developed countries were trying to give some ground, but not too much.

Mr Daniel Moynihan, the United States representative, said over the weekend that some of the developing countries were trying to get "a symbolic declaration of guilt" on the West for their own backward conditions. "They are not going to get it", he added, because of the effect it would have on future negotiations.

It was also hoped to reach agreement on such subjects as food and aid, industrialization, science and technology, and reform of the United Nations. The intention was that the special session in New York should provide guidelines for future action in other international organizations.

When the main session opens tomorrow, it will be taking up the long list of subjects that confront it every year, from the Middle East to the law of the sea. But immediate attention will focus on the status of South Africa, which was excluded last year, and whether a similar move will be made against Israel this year.

At recent meetings in Kampala and Lima, the more militant Arab countries have not succeeded in getting majority support for a move to suspend or expel Israel. But delegates are not excluding the possibility that a country like Libya, which sits in the credentials committee, may try to raise the issue.

As for South Africa, the main question is the attitude that the country itself will take. Last year's decision simply excluded it from the General Assembly, and the question is whether South Africa will try to resume its seat. If it does, it runs the risk of a sharp African response, and a renewed attempt at exclusion.

One of the principal issues will be the attitude that the assembly takes on Korea. This year, the Americans have taken the initiative.

They have suggested that the United Nations Command in South Korea should be terminated on condition that the terms of the Korean armistice is maintained. They want the United States and South Korea to take over United Nations responsibilities.

The Chinese, the Russians and their supporters have countered with a call for the dissolution of the command and the withdrawal of all foreign troops. They want the armistice replaced by a peace agreement.

Liverpool students jailed in Morocco

Tangier, Sept 15.—Two students from Liverpool have been sentenced to two months in prison and fined 4,500 dirhams (£525) each for possessing marijuana. They are Laurie Steward Derbyshire and Margaret Wall, both aged 22.—Reuter.

PLO rejects 'threat' in Cairo message

Continued from page 1

nothing to do with that of the guerrillas, although their aims were the same.

Paul Martin writes from Beirut: After Egypt had issued its warning to Mr Arafat, the PLO—while denying that it had anything to do with the operation—added that it would make every effort to ensure that no harm came to "our Egyptian brothers". However, a PLO spokesman rejected the Egyptian remarks about the incident, especially the "threat" they implied.

None of the established guerrilla groups, even those of the Radical Rejection Front, has claimed responsibility for the attack. But the Egyptian warning, which was reported by the official Middle East News Agency, made it clear that the blame would fall ultimately on Mr Arafat as far as the Egyptians were concerned.

Soon after the Madrid embassy was seized President Sadat set up a special committee of his leadership to consider the action to be taken. The committee, headed by Mr Husni Mubarak, the Vice-President, also included Mr Mamduh Salem, the Prime Minister, and Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Foreign Minister.

Mr Ahmed Lutfi Metwalli, the Egyptian Ambassador in Beirut, was instructed to seek an urgent meeting with Mr Arafat to give him a message from President Sadat. It is understood to contain a threat of a "sharp and decisive" Egyptian reaction if attempts to secure the release of the hostages fail.

The guerrilla operation came only four days after the PLO joined the "rejectionists" in publicly condemning the accord reached between Egypt and Israel. After meeting in Damascus, the PLO leadership declared that the agreement "undermined the dignity of the entire Arab nation" and called on all Arabs to strive to fail it.

As a result, the Egyptian Government took control of the Cairo-based "Voice of Palestine", which had joined the anti-Egyptian propaganda campaign being waged by Syria and Iraq.

Since it signed the accord with Israel the Egyptian Government has been uncompromisingly sharp in its answers to Arab critics. During the past few weeks the Egyptian press, the political machinery, and even President Sadat have told those who condemned Egypt that they could take it or leave it.

Egypt, after signing the Sinai accord, knew that it would be the target of attack. Even before then the Egyptians had begun to take precautions. Security was increased in diplomatic missions abroad.

Rejecting the "threatening tone" of the Egyptian statement today, the PLO added that the Madrid attack should not be used as a pretext for Egypt to strike against the Palestinians.

"The entire Arab nation, including the Egyptian people and Government, know too well our continuous condemning stand towards such acts, a statement issued by WAFA, the Palestine news agency, said.

"All know the quarters that stage and benefit from these acts. The Palestinian leadership, eager to preserve its national duties, is now making efforts, in addition to those currently under way, to safeguard the lives of our Egyptian brothers at the Egyptian Embassy in Madrid."

Death sentence on Soviet manager

Moscow, Sept 15.—Ashot Arutyunov, manager of a textile mill in Yerevan, has been sentenced to death for numerous thefts of state property, the Armenian Communist Party newspaper disclosed. The manager inflated requests for raw materials.—Agence France-Presse.

US-Soviet on grain sales resum

Moscow, Sept 15.—American officials talks today on regula for Soviet purchases can grain. Spokesma United States Embas two sides met for t half hours and ha session in the evenin

President Ford se gation of three m headed by Mr Char son, Under-Secretary for Economic Affa attended by Mr Nik chev, the Soviet For Minister, were held day and Friday last

Rabies war in Tanzania

Dar es Salaam, Sep less effective action against rabies in Ta consequences on the wildlife would be in Dr Polnar Jonas, a Gc veterinary official s today.

Rabies "persisten Tanzania's wildlife i dangered situation"... on the Government to the number of dogs. France-Presse.

All nine safe in airliner lost over Ethiopia

Addis Ababa, Sept 15—All nine people including a West German woman, on board an Ethiopian airliner which disappeared north of Addis Ababa last Thursday have been found alive, the West German charge d'affaires said tonight.

Earlier an airline spokesman said that a villager had walked for seven hours through rugged mountain terrain to bring out the news that the DCC-3 had been found after being forced down by mechanical failure.

The West German diplomat, Herr Dedo von Kerssenbrock-Krosigk, told Reuter that the airline had confirmed to the embassy that all on board the airliner, including Fraulein Christiane Lange, aged 21, from Hanover, were safe, but there was no immediate word about their condition.

The DC-3 carried three crew, two security guards, and three Ethiopian passengers as well as Fraulein Lange.—Reuter.

Attempt to reunite ANC factions

From Nicholas Ashford
Lusaka, Sept 15

Leaders of five central and southern black African states are making a determined attempt to reunite the quarrelling factions of Rhodesia's African National Council (ANC). This is the main outcome of the weekend summit in Lusaka between the heads of state of Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique, Botswana and the Prime Minister of Congo.

According to a statement released by President Kaunda's office today, the five leaders urged the ANC "to resolve urgently the problems of unity to facilitate the liberation of their country". This was the only way "the assistance of Africa will have practical meaning to the struggle of the six million people for their freedom and independence".

Despite the anodyne tone of the communiqué, it is clear that the ANC is coming under increasing pressure to settle the dispute between Mr Joshua Nkomo on one side and Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole and Mr James Chikerema on the other.

Early today Bishop Muzorewa, president of the ANC, accompanied by his personal secretary, the Rev Webster Mutamba, left on a secret mission to Blantyre, Malawi. According to ANC sources, they were due to meet emissaries who were coming from Salisbury. There was speculation in Lusaka that this was a move towards reuniting Bishop Muzorewa and Mr Nkomo.

The two men fell out last week when Bishop Muzorewa expelled Mr Nkomo and other former members of the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu) from the ANC. Since then there has been a bitter battle of words between them.

Further evidence of pressure on the ANC has been the uncharacteristic silence being maintained by its leaders, on orders from the Zambian Government. Mr Sithole, who is normally free with his comments, today declined to say anything about the latest developments.

One important aspect of the weekend summit is that the five leaders have not allowed themselves to be divided by the split in the ANC. Although President Nyerere of Tanzania and President Kaunda of Zambia still are believed to favour different factions, they are clearly in agreement on the need for the organization to be reunited before starting new talks with the Rhodesian Government.

President Nyrerere, who left for home early today, held talks with President Kaunda and ANC leaders until late last night.

Observers here attach importance to a statement made at the weekend by Mr Salim Salim, Tanzania's delegate to the United Nations, that his country would not allow its territory to be used as a military training ground for rival Rhodesian nationalist parties.

He said Tanzania "could not put herself in the invidious position of providing a camp for a rival group in the event of a split".

This remark seems to squash speculation that Tanzania would provide a base for guerrillas of the more militant Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu) wing of the ANC if they were told to leave Zambia. The five African leaders also are making a new effort to end the factional fighting in Angola.

S Korea and Japan agree on closer links

Seoul, Sept 15.—South Korea and Japan today agreed on closer political, economic and cultural cooperation in order to help to promote peace and security in East Asia.

In a joint communiqué after the eighth annual ministerial meeting the two countries said they would also discuss Japanese Government cooperation in South Korea's fourth five-year economic development plan, to be launched in 1977.

The meeting was originally scheduled for last year but was delayed because of strained relations between the two countries after the kidnapping of Mr Kim Dae Jung, a South Korean opposition politician, from his exile in Tokyo by a group of unidentified Koreans in 1973.—Reuter.

California rapist shot d when plane hijack fails

San Jose, Sept 15.—A man who raped and stabbed a woman was shot dead today after he seized three hostages and tried to hijack an empty airliner near this Californian city, police reported. The woman and a doctor, shot after being taken hostage, were in a critical condition.

According to the police spokesman, the gunman, "a Latin male in his early 20s", was killed by a single bullet as he emerged from the Continental Airlines Boeing 727 holding a machine gun to pilot.

During negotiations police had told the gunman they would not open fire. However, the man was shot three times to drop his pistol. He failed to die, and when he appeared to point it as an officer a police marksman killed him with a single shot.

The drama began when the man raped the woman her several times in a the heart and then dro a San Jose hospital. seized a doctor and d private airfield appare ing to escape in a s craft, he police spokes tinued.

He failed to find an but abducted a securi and headed for San Jo cipal airport about 1 away. There he took anic hostage, boarded t airliner nad forced him the engines. However arrived and disabled craft, apparently by out the tyres.

While police were ing with the gunm security guard escaped ing out of the aircraft. tor also tried to escape shot by the gunman, the man said.—Reuter.

British team in Uganda for talks on seized property

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Sept 15

Five British Government officials, headed by Mr Donald Hawley, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, arrived in Kampala today. They are to have talks with the Uganda Government on compensation for the assets of "British subjects taken over by Uganda after the launching of President Amin's economic war in 1972".

The team had discussions today with Mr James Hennessy, the acting British High Commissioner, and other British officials in Kampala. The five are to meet Ugandan officials tomorrow.

The talks were agreed in principle when Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, visited Uganda and met President Amin in July.

The British subjects whose property was taken over include some 40,000 Asians. They put the value of the property at more than £200m; but the Ugandan estimate, which has not yet been announced, will probably be much less than that.

Bomb protests in Japan over Hirohito US visit

Tokyo, Sept 15.—Fire and smoke bombs were thrown today into three places associated with the Imperial Family by suspected radical groups opposing Emperor Hirohito's visit to the United States.

Another bomb exploded in a hired car just outside a Japanese Defence Force post in Tokyo, killing a suspected radical in the car.

Smoke bombs were thrown at the Emperor's special arrival platform in Harajuku station, Tokyo. Fire bombs exploded near the imperial villa at Hayama and at the Ise shrine.

First Soviet step towards fulfilling Helsinki accord

Moscow, Sept 15.—In what could be Moscow's first concrete step towards fulfilling the Helsinki agreement, the Soviet Union has informed American officials that it is ready "in principle" to grant resident American journalists multiple exit-entry visas provided that Soviet correspondents in the United States are treated similarly.

A brief announcement by the American Embassy here said it expects soon to meet Soviet Foreign Ministry official to work out details of a visa agreement.

Under the present system, foreign correspondents must apply to the Soviet Government for a new visa each time they want to leave the country. In principle, a multiple entry visa would allow journalists to come and go at will.

Although the Soviet Union has repeatedly said it plans to fulfil all aspects of the Helsinki agreement, until now there had been no single step to indicate a change in Soviet policy, especially in the fields of humanitarian and information issues.—AP.

Hongkong campaign to recruit monks

From Richard Hughes
Hongkong, Sept 15

Hongkong's Buddhist leaders are conducting a revivalist recruiting campaign to double the number of monks in the colony, which has fallen to a record low of fewer than 1,000. There are about 2,000 nuns.

The Rev Abbot Sik Chun, founder of the Hongkong Buddhist Sangha Association, who is directing the campaign, admits that the existing faithful monks and nuns are aging.

"We must face the fact that eventually there may be no Buddhist monks or nuns serving in Hongkong", he said.

"True, the number of local Buddhist followers—if nominal only—continues to increase. But the young faithful are not prepared to devote their full lives to Buddhism."

Abbot Sik Chun, who directs a dozen Buddhist organizations in Hongkong, is still experimenting hopefully with a "short-term ordination system", under which Buddhism can become monks or nuns after a seven-day period of intensive prayer and discipline.

But few of the new generation of Buddhist aspirants can endure the full Buddhist way of life, which involves daily rising at 4.30 am, full-time devotion to prayers to Buddha, vegetarianism and voluntary hardship.

Only 20 prospective young monks and nuns enrolled for this year's short-term dedication service of one week. Four left after the first day, and only five were still practising and eligible at the end of the week.

The average age of Hongkong's faithful monks and nuns ranges from 40 to 50, and there have always been more nuns than monks. Abbot Sik Chun says that Buddhism would never change its discipline to attract adherents or monks and "Buddhism is life long", he declares. "A few devoted ful are more importa an influx of insincere a disciplined converts, wo not divest themselves earthly desires of lus greed."

The abbot conceded t Hongkong unemployed over 50 years could fin way of life and prayer Buddhist nun more sym that Hongkong must n role of monks. But he m that his association persevere with the one week ordination system.

"Buddhism will never expand", he said, "if it and not to [illegible] scholarship and [illegible] is here, Buddhism [illegible] in Europe and [illegible] States."

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OVERSEAS



Prince of Wales enjoys a children's pageant in Port resby, part of the Papua New Guinea independence brations.

Political clouds over ndependent Papua

ort Moresby, Tuesday morn- —The Australian Navy fired 01-gun salute early today to al the birth of Papua New nea as an independent on and the thirty-fifth mem- of the Commonwealth.

s the guns boomed, fire- ks soared across this humid ital from a 1,500ft grass- ered hill and bonfires ed all over the last big ical land mass to achieve onhood. The Prince of les attended the indepen- ce ceremony at dusk in a ball stadium near the har- r.

or many of Papua New nea's three million people, er cent of whom are primi- tribesmen and villagers eke out a living by sub- ence farming and hunting, message of independence conveyed by the voice of ormer messenger boy.

ir John Guise, the country's t governor-general, who was n in a Papuan village 61 rs ago and received his ghthood 24 hours ago, broad- t the independence nouncement over the national io at one minute past mid- ght.

Six hours before indepen- nce, the flag of Australia, ich has administered the untry under League of tions and United Nations ndates for more than 50 rs, was lowered for the last e. The new nation of 1,000 es speaking 700 different guages and dialects was nched under threatening political and economic clouds.

Secession and a shaky economy, which Australia will have to shore up for at least the next decade, already haunt the Government of Mr Michael Somare, aged 29, a former journalist, broadcaster and teacher.

Mr Somare, Chief Minister since internal self-government 21 months ago and Papua New Guinea's first Prime Minister, faces breakaway movements that could eventually undermine central government authority, start regional and tribal violence and destroy hopes of national unity.

While national celebrations go on in Port Moresby and elsewhere, the new nation's farthest outpost—Bougainville Island, 600 miles east of the capital—is gripped by a struggle for its own separate independence.

Secessionist leaders, asserting that Mr Somare's administration has starved Bougainville of finance and development and claiming kinship and association with the neighbouring British Solomon Islands, defiantly declared independence two weeks ago for the island's 102,000 people as the "Republic of North Solomons".

—Reuter.

High Commissioner.: Mr George Baker was yesterday named as Britain's first High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea (the Press Association reports). Mr Baker, aged 58, has been based in Port Moresby since September, 1974, first as Consul General and later as British Commissioner.

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n Our Correspondent
Town, Sept 15

uth African security police detained Mr Horst Klein- idt, of the Christian tute, under the Terrorism

Kleinschmidt, who is ant to the director of the ute, Dr C. F. Beyers Naude, formerly a leader of the nal Union of South African ents and an organizer of programme for Social ge.

home in Melville, Johan- rg, was raided by security at dawn and searched for al hours. Under the ter- n Act, Mr Kleinschmidt e held indefinitely without brought to trial.

tish writer leath fall

sia, Sept 15.—A British writer fell to his death his hotel room balcony in sol, Cyprus, last night, said today.

y identified him as Mr Fitzgerald, aged 35, of *avel Trade Gazette*. They e had fallen from the floor of the Apollonia Horel on to the concrete f the ground floor dining The police gave no r details.—UPI.

Pretoria asked to speed racial advance

Durban, Sept 15.—Mr Laurent Dona-Fologo, the visiting Ivory Coast Minister of Information, said today that South Africa seemed to have made a start in moving away from racial discrimination but much more was needed.

Halfway through a 10-day tour of South Africa, the first official visit by a West African cabinet minister, he told reporters that he had seen many interesting signs of "internal détente" in the republic. Opening some hotels and jobs to blacks was a beginning, he said. "But we wish the pace to be accelerated and the change to go much further."

He had met highly intelligent and dynamic Africans and Indians. "We cannot understand why such people are not given the vote", he said. "Nor can other independent African states understand this.

"If we want to see other African states follow us in adopting a policy of dialogue (with South Africa) your Government will have to explain this in a better way than it has, because we cannot understand it." The results achieved so far by dialogue were not yet sufficient to persuade other African states to accept that policy.—Reuter.

beria ignores OAU and es African détente

y Lewis

ria takes the view that détente between South and the black African should be pursued, des- ite contrary recommend- made by the summit g of the Organization of Unity in Kampala last according to Mr Adol- Tolbert, Liberia's Ambas- t-large.

Tolbert, as the represen- of President Tolbert of has for some months lks with African leaders, lly President Nyerere, of ia, on the future of the e with South Africa, e position of Rhodesia Namibia (South-West

menting on the opposi- détente expressed in la, he remarked that the f state who were there on hardly comprised the intellectual of Africa's with some exceptions. re they representing the states most directly involved with the Southern African problem.

Dr Nyerere, President Kaunda of Zambia, and President Sir Seretse Khama of Botswana were not there; nor were President Houphouet-Boigny of Ivory Coast, President Senghor of Senegal or President Tolbert, who has been one of the central figures in talks with Mr Vorster.

Liberia, he said, was strongly at one with Zambia, Mozambique and South Africa on the need to avoid large scale guerrilla war as a solution of the Rhodesia problem. The right thing to do was to turn one's back on the past and seek realistic and cumulative steps towards solutions.

Mr Tolbert was emphatic that African states had to have talks with South Africa, which needed educating into the changes taking place in the world. He said he had no plans to visit South Africa himself.

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SPORT

Cricket

The champions with the 'League of Counties' look

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

CHESTERFIELD: Leicestershire, with five second innings wickets in hand, are 123 runs ahead of Derbyshire

Leicestershire are county champions for the first time since they joined the happy throng in 1895. The four bonus bowling points which they took off Derbyshire yesterday, added to Lancashire's failure to take more than two off Sussex, are sufficient to give Leicestershire the title.

They deserve their success. In a match played to the death on a good, fast pitch, I am not sure that I would back them to beat Lancashire and Hampshire, or Kent for that matter. But they have taken their chances in the past few weeks, unlike Hampshire, and they have a good balance. Best of all, they encourage spin. Yesterday, for example, Illingworth had used four slow bowlers by lunchtime.

With four wickets apiece, Illingworth and McVicker saw to it that Leicestershire were not left short of points. There had been no weekend rain in Chesterfield, or none to speak of. The pitch, though, being of uneven bounce, gave the bowlers an advantage. Those who did most to hold Leicestershire up were Bolus, Sharpe, Hill and John Ward. The first two had added 70 for the first wicket, when Sharpe was well caught at second slip, the last two 51 for the fourth, when Illingworth bowled Ward. Hill and Ward thwarted Hampshire last Friday and they played well again now.

Leicestershire had collected their first bonus point when Harvey-Walker was caught off Illingworth on the midwicket boundary, which he had just previously cleared. They got their second when Illingworth had Swarbrook leg-before, the third when Miller hooked McKenzie to Balderstone standing by the square leg umpire, and the fourth when Alan Ward was leg-before to McVicker. It hardly mattered after that that Taylor and Hendrick added 30 for Derbyshire's last wicket, or that Leicestershire, when they went in again, lost early wickets.

Soon after tea, with the news that Lancashire had had a bad afternoon, Leicestershire knew they were champions. It was fitting that Illingworth should have had so much to do with Leicestershire being richer by £3,000 at the end of the day than when it began. He has worked hard in his time at improving the county cricketer's lot.

It was right that McKenzie, in his last first-class match, should take a wicket, and convenient for Balderstone, or at any rate for Doncaster Rovers, that because Leicestershire were home and dry he was allowed to chase up the motorway to Doncaster to play in a fourth division match with an evening kick-off. Many good games players have divided their time between football and cricket; whether one has played in the county championship and the Football League on the same day before I rather doubt, certainly not when he has been on the cricket field for all but eight playing minutes of a six-hour day.

There will be some red faces in Yorkshire this morning when they read of Leicestershire's triumph. Since they let Illingworth go he has won many honours as a captain, having led England to victory in Australia and Leicestershire to the John Player League, the Benson & Hedges (twice) and now the championship. As an all-round cricketer, Illingworth has retained his form wonderfully well; as a tactician, he is undeniably astute. He has kept himself fit, too, for a man of 43; as fit, anyway, as a troublesome back will allow.

The Leicestershire side at Chesterfield, which they would probably consider to be their best for three-day matches, consists of three Yorkshiremen (Birkenshaw and Balderstone are the other two), two Lancastrians, two Devonians, an Australian, a Rhodesian, and two from the Minor Counties, Steele from Staffordshire and Dudleston from Cheshire. I doubt whether the championship has been won before by a county without a native to their name, though in recent years it has been common enough to have only two or three. It is no coincidence, either, that it has been won for the third year in succession by a side untroubled by Test calls, Hampshire and Worcestershire having this same advantage as Leicestershire.

Leicestershire's best placings until this year have been equal second in 1967, when Tony Lock was their captain, and third in 1953 under C. E. Palmer. In 1967, of their regular side Hallam and Spencer were born in the county. Birkenshaw, Roger Tolchard and Dudleston survive from then. Going back to 1953, five who played more often than not were Leicestershire-born Tompkin, Gerry Lester, Munden, Spencer and Hallam.

Three cricketers, while playing for Leicestershire, have been chosen by *Wisden* as one of the five cricketers of the year—A. E. Knight (1904), George Geary (1927) and Ewart Astill (1933). E. W. Dawson had Leicestershire and England after his name; so, more recently, have Illingworth, Birkenshaw and Lock.

My own early memories of Leicestershire are of L. G. Berry getting any number of runs for them, rather in the same way as John Langridge did for Sussex, and later of Jack Walsh, from Sydney, bamboozling all but the best "readers" of the googly and chinaman with his prodigious left-arm spin. Now, under Raymond Illingworth, and with a driving force as secretary in Michael Turner, they have come to the top, leaving only Essex, Northamptonshire, Somerset and Sussex still with the championship to win.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 326 (F. E. Russell 4, for 52).

Second Innings	
B. Dudleston, c Taylor, b A. Ward	0
J. F. Steele, c Taylor, b A. Ward	4
J. C. Balderstone, not out	51
B. P. Davison, st Taylor, b Swarbrook	30
J. G. Tolchard, b Miller	0
*R. Illingworth, c Sharpe, b Swarbrook	16
†R. W. Tolchard, not out	0
Extras (l-b 4, n-b 3)	7
Total (5 wkts)	108

J. Birkenshaw, N. M. McVicker, G. D. McKenzie, K. Higgs to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—8, 3—72, 4—73, 5—102.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

J. B. Bolus, l-b-w, b McVicker	30
P. J. Sharpe, c Steele, b McVicker	38
A. Harvey-Walker, c Davison, b Illingworth	13
A. Hill, st R. Tolchard, b Balderstone	42
J. M. Ward, b Illingworth	35
F. W. Swarbrook, l-b-w, b Illingworth	0
G. Miller, c Balderstone, b McKenzie	12
*†R. W. Taylor, c Davison, b Illingworth	25
P. E. Russell, c R. Tolchard, b McVicker	4
A. Ward, l-b-w, b McVicker	0
M. Hendrick, not out	15
Extras (l-b 4, n-b 7)	11
Total (98.3 overs)	311

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—70, 2—85, 3—87, 4—138, 5—148, 6—169, 7—176, 8—181, 9—181, 10—211.

BOWLING: McKenzie, 15—4—37—1; Higgs, 12—2—44—0; McVicker, 30—7—66—4; Illingworth, 15—5—37—4; Balderstone, 6—3—13—1; Steele, 5—3—2—0; Birkenshaw, 8—2—17—0.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 6, Leicestershire 6.

Umpires: W. E. Phillipson and A. Jepson.

Lancashire fail to take all batting points

Lancashire were foiled by bottom-of-the-table Sussex in their bid to win the county championship. Their hopes finally disappeared at Hove yesterday when they failed to take maximum batting points. They were all out for 222, a first innings lead of 62, and before the close had taken four Sussex second innings wickets for 24.

Barry Wood (46) and Kennedy (75) put on 100 for the first wicket, but then Snow, who had been off line and target during his morning spell, became a very different proposition after lunch, taking three wickets—those of Hayes, Clive Lloyd and Engineer—for only 19 runs in 10 overs, five of them maidens.

Tony Greig had bowled only three overs during which he was twice warned by umpire Horton for running on to the pitch and was unable to bowl again during the innings.

There was a dramatic start to the Sussex second innings, three wickets crashing for only four runs. At the close Lever had taken two for 10 and Lee two for eight and Sussex were 24 for four.

Nottingham

Nottinghamshire's lead of 193 over Gloucestershire was due to a magnificent career best score of 178 by their opening batsman, Paul Todd.

Gloucestershire were bowled out in their first innings for 236 and Todd took over with seven sixes and 18 fours in his maiden century. He figured in a stand of 197 with Smedley and at the close Nottinghamshire were 429 for six (106 overs).



Paul Todd: career best score at Nottingham.

The Oval

Surrey, eight for no wicket overnight in reply to Kent's 358 for eight declared off 98 overs, slumped to 128 for six off 49 overs. Only two hours 40 minutes' play was possible because the pitch did not dry out sufficiently for the match to resume until 3.30.

Kent relied mainly on the spin of Johnson and Underwood to exploit a rain affected wicket, and Surrey found run getting difficult.

Johnson, at the close, had taken four for 44 with his off spin in 19 overs. Surrey were left needing another 81 to avoid the follow on.

Taunton

After Peter Roebuck's highest championship score of 81 not out had taken Somerset to 250 for five declared, Glamorgan recovered well to 255 all out at Taunton. Roebuck, hitting 12 fours in his 44-over innings, led the way. Then on a drying pitch Glamorgan collapsed to 89 for five against Breakwell, who ended with 5 for 61.

However, Richards, dropped before scoring, hit two sixes and six fours making 49 in 20 overs. Solanky supported him well to add 69. There was a stand of 31 for the last wicket.

Hampshire's early triumph is too late

By Alan Gibson

WORCESTER: Hampshire (18 pts) beat Worcestershire (3) by an innings and 108 runs.

On Saturday, Hampshire scored 458 for eight. They have narrowly missed the championship this year, as they narrowly missed it last year. First the weather, and then the sore shins of Roberts have deprived them when their fingertips were almost touching the trophy. It has been hard luck.

Sore shins, though, are not to be mocked. They ended prematurely the career of one of the fastest of all bowlers, N. A. Knox, as I learned from David Frith's new book, *The Fast Men*, which is to be published next week.

Hampshire were set on winning this match, and did it comfortably in two days, as they did in an ironic triumph at Portsmouth a year ago, the time the philosopher Shepherd was briefly converted to the nationalization of the motor industry. But Hampshire were lucky for once, because of the weekend rain.

Worcestershire had scored 58 for no wicket before play began, with Turner and Ormrod going well. Yesterday they did not have much chance of scoring. The pitch helped all kinds of bowlers, and Worcestershire were bowled out twice soon after half-past five.

In the first innings Worcestershire did not bat badly. Gilliat used his spinners. Southern took three wickets, Richards two (he would have been a good bowler if it had ever occurred to him) and Sainsbury five. "Never turns the ball," we have been saying of Sainsbury for about a quarter of a century, but on a drying Worcester wicket (the sun steadily increased in strength throughout the day) one would not have found many batsmen to agree.

In their second innings, it must be said, Worcestershire did bat badly. They hardly seemed to care.

It was the last match, at least for a while, of John Langridge, who was applauded from the field at the end, with generous comments from the Worcestershire announcer. John Langridge has scored many runs, taken many slip catches, and made, as an umpire, many hard decisions. He remains a warm, friendly man who sums up the best of Sussex by the sea.

To see him, ruddy face, familiar white cap and gentle smile, leading the players into the pavilion, all in a setting sun which defined sharply the outlines of the cathedral, was in its way a memorable experience. It occurs to me that if, in his retirement, John Langridge should take holy orders, he would make a good bishop.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings, 458 for 8 (B. R. Richards 98, C. G. Greenidge 168, D. R. Turner 122, R. M. C. Gilliat 71).

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G. M. Turner, c Richards, b Sainsbury	61
J. A. Ormrod, c Richards, b Sainsbury	31
K. W. Wilkinson, st Stephenson, b Sainsbury	10
J. M. Parker, c Turner, b Sainsbury	0
B. L. D'Oliveira, c Greenidge, b Richards	30
T. J. Yardley, c Southern, b Richards	15
Imran Khan, b Southern	19
†G. R. Cass, c Turner, b Sainsbury	39
R. Senghera, b Southern	4
N. Gifford, not out	15
B. M. Brain, st Stephenson, b Sainsbury	6
Extras (b 6, l-b 5, n-b 2)	13
Total (99.1 overs)	243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—86, 2—97, 3—101, 4—105, 5—145, 6—167, 7—185, 8—210, 9—226, 10—243.

BOWLING: Herman, 40—0—40—0; Rice, 7—2—30—0; Southern, 36—10—83—3; Sainsbury, 34.1—16—48—5; Richards, 14—5—40—2.

WORCESTER: Second Innings

G. M. Turner, c Southern, b Rice	15
J. A. Ormrod, lbw, b Jesty	22
K. W. Wilkinson, b Jesty	0
J. M. Parker, b Jesty	0
B. L. D'Oliveira, c Richards, b Rice	1
T. J. Yardley, c Greenidge, b Rice	7
Imran Khan, c Stephenson, b Jesty	21
G. R. Cass, c Turner, b Jesty	13
R. Senghera, c Sainsbury, b Jesty	12
N. Gifford, b Sainsbury	3
B. M. Brain, not out	10
Extras (l-b 1, w 1, n-b 8)	10
Total	102

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—33, 2—44, 3—44, 4—45, 5—47, 6—48, 7—78, 8—81, 9—94, 10—102.

BOWLING: Herman, 5—0—37—0; Rice, 14—2—39—3; Jesty, 14.3—4—30—5; Sainsbury, 6—3—3—1.

Umpires: J. G. Langridge and C. Cook.

Numbed fingers let early victory slip

By Keith Macklin

MIDDLESBROUGH: Yorkshire, with four second innings wickets in hand, lead Essex by 326 runs

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness blew chill across Acklam Park, and the numbed fingers of John Hampshire spilled the opportunity of a two-day victory for Yorkshire.

On a two-sweater morning when fielders blew into their hands like Bob Cratchit on Christmas Eve, Hampshire's large and normally safe hands failed to hold a simple slip catch off Pont when the Essex score was 90 for four. Pont had scored one run at the time, and when Hampshire made belated amends by catching him off a skier, the aggressive young batsman had scored a brisk and entertaining 50, including a six and eight fours.

The last four Essex wickets tumbled for five runs in 10 minutes, so the dropping of Pont provided the difference between an Essex follow-on and the retention of their dignity into the third day.

Hampshire's mis was not the only dropped catch of the bleak and inhospitable morning. Edmeades and Turner also enjoyed brief lives as Essex achieved a total of 170—116 behind Yorkshire. Old, a former pupil of Acklam High, delighted a small and vocal group from his old school by taking five wickets for 57.

Yorkshire batted again with two aims in prospect. Prize money for a high placing and 2,000 runs for Boycott, a figure 114 runs away. Essex claimed an early catch when a snick by Richard Lumb appeared to bounce a foot in front of McEwan at second slip. McEwan half heartedly claimed the catch, and Lumb rather less than half heartedly departed.

Boycott's dismissal, 85 short of 2,000 runs, was also unfortunate. He attempted to hook Lever to leg, and the bat slipped out of his hand to dislodge a bail. However, the young and uncapped Johnson, the hero of the Roses match, scored a mature 29, and Hampshire a typically free-hitting 32.

The day's play ended with Old delighting large numbers of after-school supporters with a splendid 50, and Yorkshire stand poised for a declaration, a day's play to bowl out Essex, and the pleasant prospect of a share of either £2,000 or £1,000 in the event of the anticipated win.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings, 286 (G. Boycott 92, C. Johnson 83, J. K. Lever 4, for 55, D. L. Acfield 4 for 68).

Second Innings

G. Boycott, hit wicket, b Lever	29
R. G. Lumb, c McEwan, b Lever	5
C. Johnson, c Turner, b Acfield	29
J. Hampshire, c Gooch, b Acfield	32
P. J. Squires, run out	16
C. M. Old, not out	57
D. Bairstow, c Edmeades, b Acfield	18
P. Carrick, not out	5
Extras (l-b 8, n-b 8)	16
Total (6 wkts)	210

A. G. Nicholson, G. A. Cope, A. L. Robinson, to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—14, 2—67, 3—71, 4—120, 5—126, 6—190.

ESSEX: First Innings

B. E. A. Edmeades, c Boycott, b Old	39
S. R. Hardie, c Bairstow, b Old	0
K. S. McEwan, b Nicholson	12
*K. W. R. Fletcher, c Bairstow, b Old	17
G. A. Gooch, c Hampshire, b Robinson	14
K. R. Pont, c Hampshire, b Carrick	50
S. Turner, st Bairstow, b Carrick	20
†N. Smith, b Old	4
R. N. S. Hobbs, not out	0
J. K. Lever, b Carrick	0
D. L. Acfield, l-b-w, b Old	10
Extras (l-b 7, n-b 5)	12
Total (65 overs)	170

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—29, 3—72, 4—79, 5—85, 6—107, 7—168, 8—165, 9—168, 10—170.

BOWLING: Old, 22—6—57—5; Nicholson, 19—4—41—1; Robinson, 12—2—38—1; Carrick, 9—4—19—3; Cope, 3—3—0—0.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 7, Essex 5.

Umpires: T. W. Spencer and D. G. L. Evans.

UEFA appeal for good behaviour

Berne, Sept 15.—UEFA appealed today to Europe's football supporters to remain orderly, calm, fair and sportsmanlike during the competitions starting this week.

UEFA ask spectators not to influence play in any provocative manner and warn that unruliness will prompt more severe measures against throwing fireworks or bottles, invading the field, or other forms of spectator rioting that is doing the sport a bad service.—AP.

Following Leader

Gavin Pritchard-Gordon, who won the 1972 and 1973 Jack Leader Memorial Trophy, saddles Lady Durham's Silver Yarrow for the Great Yarmouth race. Pritchard-Gordon was assistant to Leader and took over his Shalfleet stables at Newmarket.

Marathon collapse

Tokyo, Sept 15.—A 62-year-old Japanese runner died of a heart attack during an international veterans' marathon race here today, in which four other runners were taken to hospital due to fatigue or other reasons.—Agence France-Presse.

Cheltenham in doubt

Cheltenham's meeting on September 24 is in doubt. The stewards inspected the course yesterday and found that, despite recent rain, the deep cracks caused by the prolonged drought, were still present. A further inspection will be made on Sunday, September 21.

Public performance

Stephen Kitaszewski, aged 18, has his first public ride on the Eddie Reavey-trained Galadriel in the Additional Appreadice Stakes at Windsor on Wednesday. Kitaszewski, whose father is Polish, was born in Pontypool and has been attached to Reavey's Wantage stable for two years.

Golf

Nicklaus accelerates while riva freeze like hares in a headlamp

From Dudley Doust
Ligonier, Pennsylvania
Sept 15

As the Ryder Cup teams, the United States and Great Britain and Ireland, gathered today for their weekend match over the Laurel Valley golf club here, the question that hung in the cold mountain air was not over who might carry away the Cup on Sunday, but just how good a year was 1975 for the great Jack Nicklaus. *Did it surpass 1972 when he won seven events, including the US Masters and the American Open?*

"In 1972 I probably had my best season, in the record books anyway", he said on Sunday, after defeating Billy Casper on the first sudden-death play-off hole to win the World Open championship at Pinehurst, North Carolina. "But I think this year I've played my best golf". Nicklaus's Pinehurst triumph was his fifth of the season, including the Masters and the United States PGA.

What was so impressive about Nicklaus's win at Pinehurst was the near inevitability of it: six men and five strokes behind the overnight leader, Tom Weiskopf. Nicklaus had drawn closer and closer to the lead through the opening holes. He was making his move. All of the opposition, except Casper, clubby again and playing better golf for it, seemed to freeze like hares in a headlamp.

Weiskopf's demise was both tragic and, I am afraid for him, classic. His massive driving was just a shade inaccurate, leaving him demanding work with his long irons into Pinehurst's famed and distant par-four greens. Weiskopf thereupon missed those greens—left, right and short—on seven of nine occasions during his outward journey.

He then remonstrated (rightly) with a child rustling papers behind the ninth green, argued heatedly (and wrongly) with a press photographer on the next tee. With all of those distractions draining his resolve, Weiskopf none the less came within an eight-foot putt on the finished green from joining Casper and Nicklaus in the play-off. Nicklaus's almost faultless 69, which was the best score returned that day by any man in the field, summed up the story.



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The British Ryder Cup players, who survived to the last day finished far down the field: Peter Oosterhuis, joint forty-eighth after a 75, Tommy Horton, joint fifty-fifth after a 72 and the young Irishman, Eamonn Darcy, joint sixty-third after a 73.

Oosterhuis, without breathing a word of it through the day, had spent an anxious eve on the final day after his young son, Robert, had swallowed moth-flakes poison which required a hospital visit for his stomach to be pumped out (the child is now fully recovered); moreover the big Londoner is stale after a long season. The exotic format of the international match this week should, he says, restore some of his enthusiasm for the game.

Tommy Horton relished the uncharacteristic winds that swirled through the long-leaf pines of Pinehurst on the final day, and, in good spirits, took some comfort from the thought that on almost any given day almost any golfer can beat another; after all, Horton played much better golf that last day, than, for instan

The happiest Brit the lot was Darcy, ant, quick to learn thrilled and grateft encouragement and parted to him by hi companion, the gene veteran, Ken Still.

Darcy was buildin indeed on that final the 17th tee one str only to drop three three last two holf didn't play all tha championship", he plane, plunging nort Pennsylvania. "I pleased to have g four days on my America. I've com Pinehurst with a fidence."

LEADING SCORES: 70, 71, 70, 69: Casper, 70, 72, 68, 7 Kopf, 67, 71, 68, 7 Simons, 67, 69, 71, 7 Nu, 70, 70, 73, 70: 282 72, 73, 71, J. Ma 70, 75: R. Funseth, L. Nelson, 70, 71, scores, 283: T. Hor 72, 73, 283: E. Darcy,

Verulam newcomer beats par to gain place

Kenneth Brown, aged 18, who had never played over the course before, assured himself of a place in the Professional Golfers Association under-25 championship with a one under par 69 in the 18-hole pre-qualifying test at Hill Barn, Worthing, yesterday.

Brown, from Verulam, a newcomer to the circuit this season, became the first player to beat par on a windy day. He achieved it by holing a 20ft birdie putt on the 18th green. He had two birdie twos, holing putts of 12ft at the fifth and 6ft at the 11th. He also had a birdie three at the 14th.

His fine score gave him a four-stroke lead over Ashley Carter, of Worksop, and Ashley Frampton, of Meyrick Park, and one of the qualifying places in the 72-hole championship proper, which begins at Hill Barn on Thursday. The defending champion is Dale Hayes, of South Africa.

Over 300 players competed for 92 qualifying places over two courses. The leaders at West Hove were Gary Tolley, of Berkhamsted, and Robert Cameron, of Penn, each with 75.

David Allen led a dawn patrol in the scramble for places. The 20-year-old assistant from Southampton, set the early pace with a 74 at Hill Barn. He was up early and drove off before most people had eaten breakfast.

Allen played steadily for halves of 37. His best shot of the round came at the 12th, where he hit the flagstick with his pitch from 110yd, the ball stopping only 12in from the hole.

Frampton holed a 5ft birdie putt on the home green to beat Allen with a 73. The 22-year-old Meyrick Park assistant recovered brilliantly after a shaky start. He was three over par after three holes, but produced an eagle two at the 314yd fourth after reaching the green with his drive. Frampton then picked up birdies at the seventh and eighth with 15ft putts and reached the turn in a one under par 34.

Joe Pursell holed his tee shot at the 118yd fourth hole at West Hove. The 20-year-old Irishman used a No 9 iron.

Strong Br contingen in Italian

A strong Britis headed by the Ryd Brian Barnes, John nard Gallacher, T Brian Huggett and compere in the Ita championship at h club, Fino Mornasc October 16 to 19.

Four former Brit men, Peter Butler, Malcolm Gregson an end, will also be together with Eddi Billy Casper, be Nicklaus in a sudd off for the world t ship at Pinehurst, n yesterday, is also the £3,100 first priz by fellow America wood, Hugh Baloc Africa, Vicente I Argentina, and th Spaniard, Severiano

Peter Oosterhuis, Italian Open in Ve when he overhauled in the last round, his title because o ments in the United

Rugby Union

Welsh work up a head of steam in second period

Combined XV 3 . . Welsh XV 32

Tokyo, Sept 15.—The Welsh Rugby Union team took control in the second half to beat a Waseda University and Kintetsu Railways team here tonight in the first game of their four-match tour of Japan. The Welsh led 9—0 at half-time. In the second half their superior strength, weight and skill put them on top.

Some 40,000 spectators watched the match in a temperature of 80 degrees. Fenwick opened the score with a penalty goal after 28 minutes, followed by a try by Williams four minutes later, which Fenwick converted. Clegg went off after seven minutes with a cut forehead and was replaced by Quinnell.

Three minutes into the second half Gerald Davies grabbed a loose ball to cross the line. Fenwick converted and again kicked a penalty after 51 minutes. At this point Gerald Davies went off, to be replaced by John J. Williams on the right wing. He immediately made himself felt by racing down the wing for a touchdown three minutes later.

The Japanese score came when Ueyama, the full back, kicked a penalty goal after 58 minutes. The final Welsh scores came with a try by Windsor after 71 minutes, converted by Fenwick, and a try by Bevan five minutes from the end.

The Japanese held their own well in the first half. Their play was characterised throughout by good marking and hard defensive tackling. The Welsh were guilty on occasion of sloppy ball handling. The Welsh coach, John Dawes, praised the spirit of the Japanese.

"I would like to congratulate the combined side for not only maintaining superb effort throughout the game, but for offering some new thoughts", he said. The Japanese were "wonderfully fit and superbly heroic in their defence in tackling", he added.

Officials said later that Clegg's injury was not serious. But it was not immediately known what was the matter with Davies. Wales meet Japan B here on Thursday before playing twice against Japan in Osaka and here on September 21 and 24.

WELSH XV: J. Williams, G. Davies (sub, J. J. Williams), S. Barlow, R. Fenwick, C. Rees, T. Seiau, G. Shell, A. Faulkner, R. Windsor, R. Llewelyn, G. Wheel, S. Clegg (sub, D. Quinnell), G. Jenkins, M. Davies, I. Evans.

WASEDA-KINTETSU XV: N. Ueyama, M. Fujiwara, Y. Miyashikawa, M. Yoshida, S. Kurihara, S. Nozuma, R. Ironzuki, T. Yoshii, T. Kuroesa, S. Hara, H. Ogata-wara, T. Yoshino, M. Gashi, G. Yamashita, T. Ishizuka.

Referee: N. Sexton (Scotland).—Reuter.

Pontypool's record scoring full back, Robin Williams, is leaving the club to work in Italy. Williams, 25, a Welsh B international, scored 517 points for Pontypool last season.

He is flying to Italy tomorrow where he will play for the Brescia club. Williams, an education officer, played for Cardiff and Newport before joining Pontypool two seasons ago.

Football

Leonard ruled out of Villa's tie in Belgium

Keith Leonard, the Aston Villa centre-forward who twisted his knee during Saturday's 2—0 victory over Arsenal, has been ruled out of the Uefa Cup tie with Royal Antwerp in Belgium tomorrow.

He saw a specialist after the match, but the injury did not respond to treatment and the manager, Ronald Saunders, confirmed yesterday that Leonard was definitely out, although he will travel with the party.

Villa still have considerable doubt about Little, who has an ankle injury, but there was better news about the condition of Carrodus, who has been troubled by a bruised shin; he trained this morning.

Liverpool will be without the England under-23 international Thompson and Case—both injured—for the Uefa Cup tie in Edinburgh against Hibernian. Smith, who stood in for Thompson on Saturday, is suspended for two matches in Europe.

Alan Curbishley, an England youth international defender, gets his first taste of European Cup atmosphere for West Ham in their visit to Helsinki for the Cup Winners' Cup tie against Reipas Lahti.

Curbishley, who made his first league appearance last March, is one of five substitutes in the West Ham party. Missing are strikers Fleet and Ayris, both ruled out by Uefa because they played on loan in the United States and South Africa during the summer.

Munro, the Wolverhampton Wanderers defender, is unlikely to be fit for today's second round League Cup replay against Swindon Town at Molineux. Munro injured a knee after falling downstairs at his home on Saturday.

Alan Whittle, who is on the transfer list at Crystal Palace, is not going to join his brother, Graham, at Wrexham. The two clubs agreed terms at the end of last week, but Whittle has rejected the move.

"I spoke to Wrexham manager John Neal on Saturday," said Whittle. "He gave me the weekend to think it over. We could not agree on terms and negotiations have broken down."

Today's fixtures

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, first leg: Valur Reykjavik v Celtic (7.30); Eintracht Frankfurt v Coleraine (7.30).

UEFA CUP: First round, first leg: Glentoran v Ajax (Amsterdam, 5.30); ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP: Quarter-final round, Blackpool, Fulham v Hearts of Midlothian (7.30); Middlesbrough v Aberdeen (7.30).

LEAGUE CUP: Second round replay: Wolverhampton Wanderers v Swindon Town (7.30).

THIRD DIVISION: Wrexham v Crystal Palace (7.30).

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Montrose v Berwick Rangers (7.30).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Wimbledon v Gravesend (7.30); First division, North: Cheltenham v Milton Keynes (7.30).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Central Competition: Chesterfield (1.30) v Lancaster; Scarborough (1.30) v Hyde; Sheffield v Goole (7.30); Skelmersdale v Bangor (7.30); Prescot Cables v Frickley; Stalybridge Celtic v Weston-super-Mare; Worksop v Newcastle.

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: St. Helens v Widnes (3.0); Salford v Leeds (3.0); Second round: Workington v Whitehaven (6.30).

Boxing

The bout all bouts —and Fraz

Manila, Sept 15

Ali today promised his challenger, Joe their world heavyw title clash here on but he would not round. "It will be a he said. "I am in I promise you it wi distance, I will kn Frazier."

The 33-year-old c the match would greatest fight in th fighting" and won than his previous Frazier and George F whom he took th October in Kinshasa, this", he said. "I w it will be a killa, a thrilla when I get t Manila."

While he kept sh fight will end it all no more Joe Frazi fight", Frazier's 15- Marvis, among the w standing to Ali's righ lines from his fat "First Round Knock Ali looked at Mar hand on the teenage said: "I wish I wi could talk like him." around the shoulders "Sorry, but I'm can my fist on your fathe Frazier arrived her ago and said: "I'm a All right now I'm a razor." In their first New York's Madis Garden in March, 1 best Ali on points ove Ali evened the scor defeated Frazier on po rounds at the same January, 1974.

For their third me guaranteed a world r of $4.5 (about £2.1 Frazier's guarantee (about £1.2m).—Reute

England tea for Europe

England's amateu team to meet Hungary on November 4 is:

Light-flyweight, J. Dav Lincs); Fly, G. Margi Stepney); Bantam, N. Pi Feather, G. Gilbody (Li Liverpool); Light, D. Wa (Warley, Birmingham); G. McKenzie (Sir Philip don); Welter, F. Kelly (I Middle, A. Ashton (Leeds); Light-middle, P. Cowdell (Liverpool); Middle, (Newton, Bethnal Green); J. Waldron (Repton, Barna

The young England two matches against many in and near Sou October 12-18 is:

Light-flyweight, J. Dav Cowdell; Fly, G. Margi Coombes; Bantam, N. Pi Coombes; Feather, Trainer Cagnoni; Featherweight, Lincoln Celtic); Light, G. Peters Coombes; Light-welter, (Muirhead, Coventry); Welter, Greenside (Royal Navy); Light-middle, Coventry); Middle, R. Christie (Middlesex Coun Wilson (R.A.S.C.).

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New Arc preparatory race needed

Michael Seely

st week's four-day meeting at aster was a brilliant success. all the sellers abolished and ng new races framed to better-class horses, the or even the most jaded ner must have been fully ied. But there was one out ing omission. There is no ble race in our calendar which rovide a preparatory race for ear-olds and upwards for the de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Arc and the Champion form a thrilling climax he flat racing season, but, to their late position in fixture list, candidates who been rested since the summer ably need a preliminary out as only the razor sharp can to survive the gruelling r in these events. The erland Lodge Stakes at at the end of September riginally designed with this in view, but it takes place o close to the big race itself. year it will be run only 10 before the Arc.

the timing and prestige of oncaster meeting make it the logical venue for such a con Discussing the matter with ael Phillips recently, he made clever suggestion that if the nce of the Doncaster Cup shortened to one and a half this long-established race d provide a perfect vehicle. proposed event would need to y at least £10,000 in added ey in order to compete with French equivalent and keep English horses at home.

ter all, Anne's Pretender, ed by Sir Charles Clore, won 00 when taking the Prix Niel at Longchamp recently. Although Charlie Bubbles finished unplaced behind Allez France in the Prix Foy last Sunday, it was the lure of sharing in similar prize money that prompted Peter Walwyn to send him to Paris.

Even if the Levy Board were not able to see their way to providing the necessary funds, the whole of the Doncaster meeting is televized and it would be perfectly feasible to find a sponsor. To indulge in a pipe-dream for a moment, just suppose that Bustino had remained sound and that the imaginary race had taken place. The prospect of such animals as Bustino, Anne's Pretender, Understudy and Sheeben meeting would have made a mouth-watering prospect.

To spice the dish, both the principals in the actual race itself this year, Crash Course and Relay Race, could have taken a hand. After all a tilt at the Arc is still on the cards for Crash Course. Although I have mentioned Anne's Pretender, it might be best not to include three-year-olds, as nothing should detract from the St Leger itself.

Some diehards might throw up their hands in horror at the idea of disturbing the trilogy of the three great Cup races, but a break with tradition is not always a bad thing. Apart from the Ascot Gold Cup, which is the supreme championship of Europe for stayers, valuable races run over distances of two miles or more have become an anachronism. The memory of Alycidon's spreadeagling triumphs at Ascot, Goodwood and Doncaster, will always be hoarded like gold-dust by those who saw them, but nowadays Lord Derby's outstanding stayer would have to have proved himself in sterner fields.

The great middle distance races are the only testing ground the breeders recognize. If we are to keep pace with the times, races just continue to be framed in equal awareness of this fact. Giant strides have been made this past decade, but the pace of reformation must not slacken where it is needed.

And so to Scotland, where the central racing scene shifts north of the Border for the only time this season. The four-day meeting at Ayr attracts challengers from Ireland as well as from all the powerful stables in the land. This week as ever, a feast of high-class racing is promised. The clerk of the course, Bill McHarg, reports that despite the recent rain the going is good

The meeting opens on Wednesday when the Ladbroke Holiday Handicap with £4,000 added takes pride of place. Strong support will be provided by the Doonside Cup. This conditions event run over a mile and three furlongs is always a fascinating affair. Some interesting acceptors are the Ebor winner, Dakota, Jimsun, Understudy, Red Regent, Royal Manacle and Mil's Bomb.

On Thursday Ladbrokes once again sponsor the main event, the Ayrshire Handicap, with the Harry Roseberry Challenge Cup, a five-furlong dash, drawing such fast two-year-olds as Music Boy and Spanish Air. The climax of the meeting is as usual reached on Friday, when the Ayr Gold Cup, sponsored by Burmah Castrol, once again promises to become the most competitive sprint handicap of the whole season.

Although the first price lists on the race are only published today, there was intense activity in the London offices of the main bookmaking firms yesterday afternoon. All the interest was centred on one horse, Lochnager, a three-year-old carrying 8st 5lb and trained by Michael Easterby. Lochnager has been cleverly placed to win his last three handicaps and his preparation has been timed with the Ayr Gold Cup in view all season.

When this massive colt took his first race at Haydock Park in June, Yorkshiremen crossed the Pennines in busloads to back him that afternoon. The tales of his gallops with the stable star, Polly Peachum, have grown taller recently and, if what I am told can be believed, Lochnager has as outstanding a chance as did the subsequent Nunthorpe Stakes winner, Blue Cashmere, when he cantered away with the race carrying 8st 2lb as a three-year-old.

The present odds of 8-1 with both Hills and Ladbrokes still represent fair value. If they dwindle alarmingly I would advise prospective backers to wait until Friday. Ante-post books tend to become one horse affairs and reason generally prevails when the racecourse market opens, particularly in a race as open as this one. Blue Cashmere was backed down from 14-1 to 4-1 the day the betting opened, but his starting price was still 7-1.

Another progressive three-year-old, Blackbird, is worth taking an interest in at 12-1 with Hills. Blackbird has been difficult to train on the firm ground this summer. He surprised even his trainer, Peter Walwyn, when winning the Nottingham Stewards Cup. Apart from Lochnager, Blackbird and the locally trained top weight, Roman Warrior, the only other horse I would be interested in if the ground were to become soft, would be last year's winner, Somersway.

Great Idea best in Yarmouth nursery

By Jim Snow

A great trainer, as popular as he was respected over 50 years, Jack Leader is remembered by the naming of a challenge trophy, a nursery handicap over seven furlongs, today at Great Yarmouth. Just as the late Captain Charles Elsey has a race named after him at Beverley, where he had his first winner in 1902 and continued to send them out in a stream until he retired, so Jack Leader identified himself at Yarmouth over a long period with a great number of winners. Many thousands of backers and holidaymakers have good reason not to regret following all his horses with almost blind faith.

In the field of eight for the Jack Leader Nursery, Great Idea, winner of two of his three races, carries top weight of 8st 13lb and has to give over a stone to Ryan's Pride and to Clarannlyn, a winner and third on his last two races. At Windsor in a selling race, Clarannlyn won comfortably, but not impressively enough for him to elicit a bid at the subsequent sale.

On the line that Barry Hills' Nagwa is an exceptionally smart, two-year-old filly, the winner of eight races and two last week, Great Idea appeals as the best selection. By Grundy's sire, Great Nephew, Great Idea finished a good second to Nagwa at Pontefract, and previously he had won his two races at Windsor and Yarmouth.

Alan Bond, who gave a spectacular and masterly exhibition in keeping cool and in command of a nasty situation when the filly Miss Toshiba put him down several times in the parade ring before the St Leger, is warming up well for his big job next season as first jockey to Henry Cecil, the trainer of Great Idea, and Great Idea should take Bond nearer his half century.

Linda Goodwill rides Nori for her father in the sponsored Botton Brothers Stakes, and will also be on the stable companion, Skiddy Dancer, in the opening selling race. But I am afraid I cannot see her bringing the double off, accomplished and experienced rider though she has proved herself.

In the selling race Robert Armstrong, whose Newmarket stable has been bedevilled by the virus and brought to a near standstill to a degree, few trainers have known, may win with Harry Hall, heavily supported when fourth in a slightly better race at Brighton. Lunariver, trained by Peter Robinson, who has had the same share of virus trouble as Armstrong may have the soundest claims in the women's race. Noel Murless is likely to take the Yarmouth September Handicap with Oswaldkirk. The four-year-old won in good style for Sandy Barclay at Ripon recently, and Murless has engaged his former stable jockey to ride again.

STATE OF GOING (official): Great Yarmouth: Good. Fontwell Park: Good. Ayr: Good. Windsor (tomorrow): Good. Worcester (tomorrow): Good.

reat Yarmouth programme

BROOKE STAKES (2-y-o: £418: 6f)
003304 Gipsy Last (J. Hardy), Hardy, 8-6 .... C. Moss 8
000400 Harper Lodge (T. Ivory), K. Ivory, 8-6 .... J. Curant 11
24 Harry Hall (G. Blum), Blum, 8-6 .... G. Duffield 6
00004 Hor Buyone (A. Ezzeddine), R. Hannon, 8-6 ...... F. Durr 7
00 Monks Chant (R. Milsom), P. Robinson, 8-6 .. G. Starkey 5
000222 Red Rogue (J. Ratcliffe), M. Haynes, 8-6 .... — 9
000 Spoofer (G. Blum), Blum, 8-6 .... T. McKeown 2
0000 Willie May (C. Benmore), R. Wilson, 8-6 .... T. Rogers 1
40 Ewelme (Mrs M. Bach), D. Ringer, 8-3 .... — 10
422000 Skiddy Dancer (A. Goodwill), Goodwill, 8-3 Miss L. Goodwill 12
3000 Tammie Scott (W. O'Callaghan), H. Collingridge, 8-3 G. Sexton 3
00 Together (D. Thom), Thom, 8-3 .... M. Kettle 4
2 Gipsy Last, 3-1 Red Rogue, 9-2 Harry Hall, 6-1 Hor Buyone, 8-1 's Chant, 12-1 Skiddy Dancer, Tammie Scot, 14-1 others.

BOTTON BROTHERS STAKES (Women's race): £524: 1m)
0-00000 Gift Acre (A. Lancaster), S. Mellor, 4-10-5 Mrs E. Mellor 1
140222 Lunariver (CD) (W. Jones), P. Robinson, 5-10-3 Mrs J. Gibson 9
003403 Brawby Lad (A. Bullent), D. Weeden, 4-9-13 Miss D. Weeden 3
0 Force Ten (S. Donaldson), W. Stephenson, 5-9-13 Miss D. Weeden 3
041440 Startown (D) (A. Bray), R. Hollinshead, 3-9-11 Miss S. Hollinshead 10
Minniegaff (D. Lalley), S. Cole, 5-9-10 ... Miss D. Turner 7
040144 Another Pinta (Mrs M. Ridge), R. Bastiman, 3-9-8 Miss M. Norman 3 4
2014-00 Marchuna (N. Tebbutt), R. Jarvis, 3-9-8 Miss C. Mercer 5
0-00000 Batzan (J. Foulds), D. Thom, 3-9-7 ... Miss J. Foulds 2
00- Nori (A. Goodwill), Goodwill, 3-9-7 ... Miss L. Goodwill 6
00 Drumming (R. Jarvis), Jarvis, 3-9-4 ... Miss P. Avis 3 11
8 Lunariver, 4-1 Brawby Lad, 5-1 Marchuna, 6-1 Another Pinta, 8-1 Gift Startown, 12-1 Nori, 14-1 others.

JACK LEADER HANDICAP (2-y-o: £875: 7f)
112 Great Idea (C) (Mrs S. Joel), H. Cecil, 8-13 .. A. Bond 8
040 Silver Yarrow (Lady Durham), G. P-Gordon, 8-6 D. Maitland 1
02241 Ryan's Pride (D. Ross), H. Price, 8-1 ...... A. Murray 5
000040 Lloyd Ardua (Mrs S. Bates), B. Lunness, 7-8 ...... — 2
030401 Clarannlyn (R. Maris), D. Weeden, 7-6 .. D. Gibson 7
004013 Likely Boy (Mrs E. Dexter), R. Bastiman, 7-6 M. Thomas 6
003 Jackoleon (E. Stevens), A. Dalton, 7-5 ...... R. Still 3
000200 Sils Maria (Mrs A. Villar), B. Hobbs, 7-4 ... R. Ferguson 4
Great Idea, 11-4 Ryan's Pride, 9-2 Silver Yarrow, 9-1 Clarannlyn, 12-1 aria, Likely Boy, 14-1 Lloyd Ardua, Jackoleon.

BEEVOR STAKES (3-y-o: £413: 1¼m)
000043 Aberawffy (Mrs J. Matthews), R. Jarvis, 9-0 .. M. Thomas 4
040322 Bright Comet (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 9-0 ...... F. Durr 2
0-00 Buttery (J. Clabby), D. Rayson, 9-0 .... J. Egan 9
04-0000 Derring Boy (M. Styring), J. Hunt, 9-0 ...... D. McKay 6
Carmel Valley (J. Johnson), Johnson, 8-11 .. B. Raymond 5
304430 Levanto (E. Loder), T. Corbett, 8-11 ...... W. Carson 1
000 Miss Rosetta (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 8-11 ...... P. Young 5 3
000 Olive Grove (Lady Halifax), J. Oxley, 8-11 ...... G. Starkey 10
00-000 Salvezza (R. Moller), H. Wragg, 8-11 ...... G. Baxter 7
00 Vit-Peek (H. Matsuoka), J. Bindley, 8-11 ...... A. Kimberley 1
000-000 White Mink (Mrs W. Baines), R. Sturdy, 8-11 R. Edmondson 11
1-4 Bright Comet, 7-2 Aberawffy, 4-1 Levanto, 8-1 Miss Rosetta, 10-1 eak, Olive Grove, Salvezza, 12-1 Carmel Valley, 14-1 others.

4.15 YARMOUTH SEPTEMBER HANDICAP (£639: 1m)
5 0-00200 Gur Amir (CD) (S. Joel), G. P.-Gordon, 7-9-6 .. B. Taylor 5
7 100-201 Oswaldkirk (D) (Mrs N. Murless), N. Murless, 4-9-4 A. Barclay 6
10 301000 Triaga (D) (J. Hardy), Hardy, 4-8-12 ...... C. Moss 8
11 102030 Caribbean Boy (C) (G. Berry), R. Bastiman, 6-8-11 D. Nicholls 5 1
12 312-003 Bloody Tower (C) (Mrs L. Buswell), R. Armstrong, 3-8-10 W. Carson 4
16 221100 Crime Buster (D) (J. Rogerson), B. Hobbs, 3-7-13 G. Baxter 7
17 0000-20 Bullwhip (H. Walters), C. Bewicke, 4-7-12 ...... J. Reid 5 3
18 001304 British Warm (CD) (K. Spindler), W. Holden, 5-7-8 R. Still 2
7-4 Oswaldkirk, 4-1 Bloody Tower, 6-1 Crime Buster, Gur Amir, 8-1 Caribbean Boy, 12-1 Triaga, 14-1 Bullwhip, 16-1 British Warm.

4.45 NORTH DENES HANDICAP (3-y-o: £621: 6f)
1 000010 Bless Again (CD) (L. Dowman), K. Ivory, 10-0 W. Somerville 7 9
2 030213 Solo Violin (CD) (H. Zeisel), H. Cecil, 9-9 ...... F. Durr 5
4 -031- Scarlet Lady (D) (G. Kelly), G. P.-Gordon, 9-0 .. B. Taylor 14
5 134104 Ainsley Boy (D) (L. Wiltshire), V. Mitchell, 9-0 ...... — 6
6 000002 Miss Monaco (J. Pearce), Doug Smith, 8-13 .. T. McKeown 7
8 10-0424 Watch Valdi (D) (Mrs A. Vincent), T. Molony, 8-11 G. Sexton 8
10 00-1024 Smith (D) (G. Rickman), R. Jarvis, 8-10 ...... M. Thomas 10
11 000004 Saturday Night (Dr T. Molony), W. Wharton, 8-10 F. Morby 13
12 411-000 Coming About (Mrs J. Mullion), R. Armstrong, 8-6 W. Carson 1
13 403404 Musical Piece (CD) (R. Prettie), B. Hanbury, 8-5 .. E. Eldin 3
14 02-00 Queens Harmony (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 8-3 P. Young 5 2
15 004310 Bala Girl (CD) (G. Morley), B. Lunness, 8-2 ...... — 4
18 432410 Iron Grill (J. Gibbs), J. Hardy, 7-10 ...... C. Moss 11
19 0-00003 Catch O' The Season (Exors of the late Mrs K. Welting), R. Armstrong, 7-9 — 12
5-1 Solo Violin, 4-1 Smith, 6-1 Miss Monaco, Ainsley Boy, 10-1 Saturday Night, Musical Piece, Coming About, 12-1 Iron Grill, Scarlet Lady, 14-1 others.

5.15 NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK PLATE (£345: 1¼m)
1 434-244 *Highland Jig (Mrs J. Bigg), R. Hollinshead, 4-8-11 ...... — 1
3 000-000 Some Darling (Mrs M. Fisher), K. Ivory, 3-8-11 .. P. Third 7 2
4 040 Aloha Prince (Mrs R. Gooch), H. Westbrook, 3-8-3 M. L. Thomas 9
7 0-00023 Blessed Boy (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 3-8-3 .. B. Raymond 6
8 33 *Burbling Brook (G. Crane), C. Brittain, 3-8-3 .. G. Baxter 7
9 Fosforo (C. d'Alessio), H. Cecil, 3-8-3 ...... A. Bond 3
10 0-23344 Lennox Gardens (Mrs J. Bryce), R. Armstrong, 3-8-3 W. Carson 5
16 0-4034 Hatbox (Mrs A. Hart), G. P.-Gordon, 3-8-0 .. D. Maitland 10
17 0-03000 Holyhead (R. J. Joel), T. Waugh, 3-8-0 ...... A. Murray 8
20 *000 Peter Jack (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 3-8-0 .. P. Young 5 4
5-4 Lennox Gardens, 9-4 Fosforo, 11-2 Blessed Boy, 10-1 Hatbox, Holyhead, 14-1 others.
*Doubtful runner.

Great Yarmouth selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Harry Hall. 2.45 Lunariver. 3.15 GREAT IDEA is specially recommended. 3.45 Bright Comet. 4.15 Oswaldkirk. 4.45 Solo Violin. 5.15 Blessed Boy.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Monk's Chant. 2.45 Lunariver. 3.15 Jackoleon. 3.45 Bright Comet. 4.15 Crime Buster. 4.45 Solo Violin.

Two offspring of Habitat to fight out finish

From Pierre Guillot
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, Sept 15

Only six runners contest tomorrow's five-furlong Prix d'Arenberg at Chantilly, but the race should nevertheless prove a close run affair with the finish likely to concern two offspring of Habitat, the Irish-bred colt, Charlie Man, and the French filly, Diffusion, both of whom have one win to their name.

Charlie Man won the Prix de la Vallee d'Auge at Deauville in August by two lengths from Albert de Vongy, who challenges again today on identical terms. The runner-up now has the assistance of Lester Piggott and the margin could be much narrower.

However, the main danger to Charlie Man is likely to be Diffusion, who in July was a comfortable two lengths winner of the Prix Banstar at St Cloud from another of today's challengers, Ovialco.

RUNNERS: Charlie Man, Albert de Vongy, Chor Caprice, Diffusion, Come Up Smiling, Ovialco.

ontwell Park programme

TANGMERE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £394: 2¼m)
2-21111 Bybrook (CD) (Mrs M. Parks), G. Balding, 7-12-5 K. Roberts 3
223322- Cape Clarendon (J. Murdoch), F. Cundell, 7-12-4 .. L. Griffiths
12f4- Kernel Marty (CD) (Miss J. Walwyn), F. Walwyn, 10-12-3 M. Floyd 6
33000-4 Percy Crummles (J. Benson), Mrs A. Oughton, 12-10-7 N. Holman
f0-034 Welsh Pit (A. Ripley), G. Ripley, 11-10-5 ...... G. Gracey 5
Bybrook, 3-1 Kernel Marty, 11-2 Cape Clarendon, 10-1 Percy Crummles, Welsh Pit.

SLINDON HURDLE (£449: 2m 1f)
1p- Time Out (G. MacDonald), D. Gandolfo, 6-12-0 .. W. Shoemark
p- Belfast (M. Humby), G. Balding, 10-11-9 ...... J. Smith 7
Blue Fire (Mrs S. Roberts), M. Goswell, 7-11-9 ...... R. Rowell
0000-0 Go To Work (CD) (W. Wildman), Wildman, 9-11-9 Mr C. Wildman 7
0002-0 Pluto (CD) (I. Wills), T. Forster, 8-11-9 ...... G. Thorner
p0000- Potash (T. Howard), A. Davison, 9-11-9 ...... R. Atkins
0040-4 Fair Streak (J. Rhind-Tutt), I. Dudgeon, 4-11-3 ...... R. Floyd 5
Le Baudrier (R. Fuller), T. M. Jones, 3-10-0 ...... N. Flanagan
40 San Palestino (J. Johnson), Johnson, 3-10-0 ...... N. Mackness
You Verily (C. Wildman), W. Wildman, 3-10-0 ...... R. Linley
Fair Streak, 7-2 Time Out, 4-1 Go To Work, 6-1 Le Baudrier, 8-1 Blue 12-1 Potash, 14-1 Pluto, San Palestino, 16-1 others.

APTON HURDLE (Handicap: £486: 2m 1f)
01-130 Eric (CD) (T. Cornwell), V. Cross, 8-12-6 ...... F. McKenna
1211- Vision Lad (W. Citron), J. Gifford, 7-11-2 ...... R. Champion
00-24 Ardent Portion (CD) (Mrs S. Bard), G. Harwood, 5-10-12 G. Lawson
001-p Irish Fiddle (D. Parslow), Parslow, 4-10-5 ...... J. Marshall 5
413-0 Our Wardie (Mrs H. Duffey), T. Forster, 5-10-4 ...... C. Thorner
0000- Good Argument (A. Jarvis), W. Marshall, 5-10-0 ...... M. Wagner
0000- The Shute (D) (G. Ripley), Ripley, 7-10-0 ...... G. Gracey 7
Vision Lad, 3-1 Ardent Portion, 7-2 Eric, 6-1 Our Wardie, 10-1 Good ent, 13-1 Irish Fiddle, 35-1 The Shute.

PORTSMOUTH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £454: 3¼m)
4f001- Inycarra (C. Fryer), Fryer, 8-11-7 ...... C. Brown 7
4rf0-0 *Irish Vulgan (D. Nugent), Nugent, 8-11-0 ...... S. Jobar
3 30003-4 Cingalese (Mrs O. Jackson), G. Bach, 6-10-13 ...... G. McNally
4 2130f4- Gylippus (T. Stratton-Smith), Mrs R. Pitman, 6-10-3 Mr B. Smart 7
5 3002- Wise Endeavour (D. Parslow), Parslow, 14-10-0 J. Marshall 5
15-8 Inycarra, 9-4 Gylippus, 7-2 Wise Endeavour, 9-2 Cingalese.

4.0 BILLINGSHURST HURDLE (Novices: 4-y-o: £340: 2m 1f)
2 0f040-1 Gorleta (Sir D. Clague), C. Benstead, 11-1 ...... R. Atkins
3 34-132 Percewood (J. Joseph), W. Stephenson, 11-1 .. D. Cartwright
4 4004-12 Prescott (H. Billington), G. Balding, 11-1 ...... R. C. Bailey
5 Private Well (H. Catling), P. Cole, 11-1 ...... R. Champion
6 Big Boss (Mrs E. Coaker), G. Ripley, 10-10 ...... G. Gracey 7
7 p00000- Caless Ira (M. Roberts), J. Hayward, 10-10 .. B. McNally 7
8 p- Don Fezard (E. Tanner), R. Wall, 10-10 ...... Joe Guest
11 40- Gingerbread Man (F. Sargent), J. Gifford, 10-10 .. G. Enright 5
13 23034-f The Lawyer (D. Wood), I. Dudgeon, 10-10 ...... R. Floyd 5
15 00- Maltese Whistler (G. Brunton), P. Taylor, 10-10 .. A. Carroll 7
17 20 Spearside (D. Jermy), Jermy, 10-10 ...... G. Old
18 Strait and Narrow (R. Lake), F. Muggeridge, 10-10 T. Muggeridge 7
20 Trio J (G. MacDonald), D. Gandolfo, 10-10 .... J. W. Shoemark
5-4 Private Well, 4-1 Prescott, 5-1 Percewood, 8-1 Gorleta, 10-1 Spearside, 12-1 The Lawyer, 16-1 others.

4.30 HALNAKER STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £402: 2¼m)
1 f2f-021 Gay Manicou (CD) (A. Harrison), Mrs A. Oughton, 11-11-7 C. Read
2 30002-1 Gummers How (M. Vigors), D. Gandolfo, 7-11-7 W. Shoemark
3 p0-12 Whittler (E. Cattle), D. Jermy, 7-11-7 ...... G. Old
4 302f0-1 Flame King (H. Henry), P. Cole, 8-11-5 ... Mr N. Henderson 5
5 Monfire (G. Sloan), J. Gifford, 8-11-2 ...... Mr G. Sloan
7 00f- The Startaise (S. Powell), E. McNally, 6-11-2 .. J. McNaught
8 00-0 Valuable (L. Gray), G. Balding, 7-11-2 ...... J. Fox
6-4 Flame King, 3-1 Gay Manicou, 5-1 Gummers How, 8-1 Whittler, 12-1 Monfire, 16-1 others.
• Doubtful runner.

Fontwell Park selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.0 Bybrook. 2.30 Go To Work. 3.0 Ardent Portion. 3.30 Inycarra. 4.0 Private Wel. 4.30 Gummers How.

dwood results

(3.1) HARROWAYS STAKES o: £515: 1m 4f)
a, br f, by Crozier—Caol Ila Cardew), 8-6 P. Waldron (25-1) 1
llis, b c, by Tudor Music—ne (T. Gaffney), 8-9 G. Baxter (9-1) 2
Rose, b f, by Pall Mall—o Rose (M. Downey), 8-6 F. Durr (10-1) 3
RAN: 9-2 fav Minton, 6-1 (4th), Ottimismo, 13-2 Oliver al, 8-1 Lady Lear, St Gawain, hispering Breeze, 25-1 Swanky, Viola. 13 ran.
: Win, £3.47; places, £1.66, p. P. Cole, at Lambourn. 1½l. h 44.45sec. My Revenge, Obli- Royal Request did not run.

(2.31) GOLDINGS STAKES o: £894: 5f)
b f, by Dewan—Alcazar M. Lemos), 8-11 G. Baxter (12-1) 1
, gr f, by Blue Streak—iast (V. Boucher), 8-11 R. Marshall (14-1) 2
n, gr c, by My Swanee—gram (Capt D. Lemos), 9-0 A. Bond (30-1) 3
RAN: 7-4 fav Oats, 3-1 Ex- let, 12-1 True Shot (4th), 14-1 Rolfe, Wings of Spring, dobreaker, Lace, Paper Tiger, a, Tsinan, Welihi, Sunburst.
: Win, £1.17; places, 34p, 55p, Brittain, at Newmarket. ½l, n 15.55sec. Sandwich Bay did

3) EAST DEAN HANDICAP : £746: 7f)
Knaws, b f, by Yellow God lora (G. Pritchard-Gordon), ... T. Cain (6-1 fav) 1
, ch c, by Midsummer Night ench Beam (A. D'Merias), ... J. Lynch (10-1) 2
te, b c, by Communication Shantung (Mrs H. van der , 8-5 R. Marshall (7-1) 3
RAN: 7-1 Golden Joy, Mac- 8-2 Saint Molunde, 8-1 Levant Quenella, 10-1 Double Mask, nga Fire (4th), 14-1 Sheric 7 Stand Off, 20-1 Matsushima.
Win, 37p; places, 17p, 32p, Smyth, at Epsom. Hd, 4l. 52sec.

31): ROYAL SUSSEX STAKES : 1m 6f)
art, b c, by Precipice Wood seat (J. Holt), 3-10-0 Ann Holt (6-1) 1
etonne, b f, by Celtic Ash o Dame (J. Woodman) Mr S. Woodman (10-11) 2
d Miss, ch m, by Pampered Miss Blandy (Major L.) 5-11-10 Elain Mellor (100-30) 3
RAN: 14-1 Golden Duckling 0-1 John McNab, Setra, 33-1 rey, 50-1 Gin Sling. 8 ran.
Win, 82p; places, 17p, 10½p. al forecast, 34p. J. Holt, at oke. Hd, 8l. 3min 19.47sec.

): VALDOE STAKES (£2,235:
gist, b c, by Doering Do— (Mrs L. Culverwell) 3-7-8 E. Johnson (13-8 fav) 1
ough, b c, by Ratho— Rose (L. Holliday) 3-8-4 P. Waldron (13-2) 2
son, b c, by Double U Jay lhalyser (G. Blackwell ...... B. Taylor (15-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Bold Pirate, 7-1 Taros, 12-1 Muschio, 16-1 Sea Gunner (4th), 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 15p, 24p; dual forecast, £1.02. A. Budgett at Wantage. Tanzor did not run. Hd, ½l, 2min 14.40sec.

4.30 (4.34): BINDERTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £842: 7f)
Wong Way Girl, b f, by Kibenka—Suzy Wong II (G. Curzon) 8-9 P. Eddery (5-1 fav) 1
My Ginny, b f, by Palestine—March Alone (Mrs A. Vincent) 8-6 ...... E. Johnson (8-1) 2
Town Farm, b c, by Tycoon II—Brush's Choice (Mrs A. Toothill) 8-10 ...... T. Cain (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Dancing Princess, Doyenne, Petsona (4th), 10-1 Promise, 12-1 Gambling Melody, Welsh Mate, 14-1 Mary Mullen, 16-1 King Solomon, Sunset Value, 20-1 Paul Allison, Annemary. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 18p, 23p, 26p. R. Akehurst at Lambourn. 2l, 1l, 1min 30.84sec. Araba withdrawn, did not come under starter's orders. Rule 4 did not apply. Price at withdrawal 16-1.
TOTE DOUBLE: Heaven Knows, Escapologist, £4.90. TREBLE: Petalca, Eric Stuart, Wong Way Girl, £36.10.

Edinburgh

2.0 (2.05) ESK PLATE (Div I: 2-y-o: £345: 5f)
Coatham, ch f, by Divine Gift—Eutrippe (R. Dods), 8-8 J. Seagrave (15-2) 1
Street Choir, ch g, by Jolly Jet—Miss Monet (P. Parnell), 8-7 A. Barclay (9-2 fav) 2
Just Fred, br c, by Town Crier—Just Jenny (W. Kendrick), 8-7 T. Ives (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Donnaston, 7-1 Flakebridge, 10-1 Alenco, Shanty Star, Singapore Fling, 12-1 Betsey May (4th), Chad Park, 14-1 Walide-Talide, 20-1 Lanark Birk, Forlorn Cloud. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 21p, 27p, 18p. H. Blackshaw, Middleham. Hd, 2l.

2.30 (2.33) ESK PLATE (Div II: 2-y-o: £345: 5f)
Foxwood Boy, ch c, by Virginia Boy—Narsia (P. Chalmers), 8-7 J. Seagrave (6-1) 1
West Vale, b c, by Tribal Chief—Gin a Go Go (N. Bates), 8-7 E. Hide (5-1) 2
Crocodile Tears ch f, by Wooper's Boy—Long Time (F. Clarke), 8-4 ...... J. Higgins (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Solar Saint, 7-2 Midnight Movie, 10-1 Vellocino, 14-1 Ally MacLeod, Mujel, 20-1 Just Tempest (4th), Evening Ray, Filter Virginia, Niki Nova. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 89p; places, 30p, 24p, 40p. A. Jarvis, Coventry. Hd, 3l.

3.0 (3.05) PRESTONPANS HANDICAP (2-y-o: £778: 5f)
Hotcakes, ch c, by Virginia Boy—Golden Hostess (Mrs R. Fitzpatrick), 8-6 A. Cousins (14-1) 1
Delayed Action, b f, by Jolly Bet—Overnight (A. Jackson), 8-13 P. D'Arcy (8-1) 2
Future Forest, ch c, by Continuation—Sylvan Wood (P. Cameron), 8-11 E. Hide (4-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Moon Blink (4th), 13-2 Leinster House, 15-2 Dutch Martyr, 8-1 Pangilma, River Petterill, 14-1 Border River, 16-1 Hurry On Hostess, Another Native, Butterfly Boy, Fawn Princess, Love in Flames. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, £3.10; places, 50p, 33p, 19p. K. Payne, at Middleham. ½l, sh hd.

3.30 (3.32) CRUDENS MUSSELBURGH HANDICAP (£1,226: 1m 7f)
Mr McMandy, b g, by Mandamus—Miss McWorden (E. Holland-Martin), 5-9-0 J Seagrave (9-2) 1
Master Chad, ch c, by St Chad—Good Spelling (R. Taylor), 4-8-1 ...... A. Barclay (2-1 fav) 2
Tom Noddy, b h, by Nulli Secundus—Periculum (Mrs L. Brotherton), 6-8-13 ... E. Hide (13-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Willie Ormond, 7-1 Dux, 10-1 Premier Cru, 12-1 Water Pistol (4th), Ezra, Lutyens. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 59p; places, 16p, 14p, 18p; dual forecast, 59p, J. Ormston, at Richmond. ¾l, 6l.

4.0 (4.4) DALKEITH HANDICAP (£766: 1m)
Arras Gem, b f, by Three Wishes—Wildeye (N. Stephenson), 4-8-4 E. Apter (14-1) 1
Prince of Light, b g, by Laser Light—Royal Escape (R. Tarrant), 3-8-4 A. Barclay (11-2 jt fav) 2
Alta, ch c, by Midsummer Night II—Thoughtful Light (E. Bouts), 3-8-1 ...... O. Gray (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 jt fav Prince Lauso, 6-1 Two and a Quarter, 13-2 Troopette, 8-1 Kinnaird, Forotte, 12-1 Hot Shot, 14-1 Heriot (4th), 16-1 Gold Streak, 20-1 Tudor Maestro, Tin Lid, Rondo's Boy, Yom Kippur, Wolds Way. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.42; places, 42p, 20p, 18p, 49p. A. Smith, at Beverley. 2l, 3l.

4.30 (4.33) LEVENHALL PLATE (Div I) (2-y-o: £345: 7f)
Blessed Martin, b f, by So Blessed—Clarity (J. Lane), 9-0 T. Ives (9-2) 1
Gallic Law, b f, by Galivanter—Legal Treasure (Mrs J. Hamilton), 8-11 ...... E. Hide (6-5 fav) 2
Mantra, br f, by Tudor Melody—Zambesi (Lord H. de Walden), 8-11 ...... C. Eccleston (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Wispoon Hollow, 7-1 Wild Hunter (4th), 14-1 Chesswood, Hydrographic, 20-1 Forty Thieves, Holmwood Leap, Rosie Boy. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 17p, 11p, 22p. N. Angus, at Ayr. 1l, 2l. Alvetta did not run.

5.0 (5.6) HADDINGTON PLATE (£345: 1m 4f)
Water Hyacinth, ch f, by Sassafras—Spring Running (Lady Macdonald-Buchanan), 3-8-7 C. Eccleston (15-2) 1
Sheridans Daughter, ch f, by Majority Blue—Dandy Brush (R. Sangster), 3-9-0 R. Street (11-10 fav) 2
Story Writer, b f, by Sweet Story—Ronny May (Mrs M. MacDowall), 4-9-11 ...... P. Kelleher (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Piccadilly Rose, 10-1 Hilrol, 12-1 Long Kiss, 14-1 Possidon, Highland Jig (4th), 16-1 Eagle's Right, 20-1 Racionzer, Aline Margaret, Meltherin Wraig, Outburst, Sugar Shortage, Sweet Alyssum, Sweet Dough. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win £1.19; places, 28p, 14p, 30p. 2½l, ½l. Sir M. Prescott, at Newmarket.

5.30 (5.37) LEVENHALL PLATE (Div II: 2-y-o: £345: 7f)
Dollis Case, br f, by Jukebox—Miss Patsy (W. Stoker), 8-11 E. Apter (8-1) 1
Alice Decoy, b f, by Decoy Boy—Alice (S. Reakes), 8-11 C. Dwyer (8-1) 2
Penchand, ch c, by Hopeful Venture—The Country Lane (C. Barber-Lomax), 9-0 J. Higgins (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-8 Glenmere (fav), 3-1 Rare Occasion (4th), 10-1 Lyrical Star, 20-1 Doon Lad, Vanzetta. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.13; places, 35p, 48p, 53p; dual forecast, £2.06. 1½l, 3½l. W. Gray, at Beverley. Nonsense Rhyme (10-1) withdrawn. Not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets. Deduction 10p in the £. Smallholm Lad did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Hotcakes, Arras Gem, £141.60. TREBLE: Foxwood Boy, Mr McMandy, Blessed Martin, £107.25.

Wolverhampton

1.45 (1.55) BROCKTON MAIDEN PLATE (3-y-o: £414: 5f 190yd)
Midnight Flame, b g by Highland Melody—Flame Dancer (Mrs P. Weymes) 8-11 G. Duffield 25-1) 1
Radstone, b g by Raffingora—Kateid (G. Greenwood) 8-11 S. Perks (11-1) 2
Hazeley, b f by Hard Tack—Hiatus (Mrs J. Owen) 8-11 J. Egan (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Gold Fire, 13-2 Mary Culter (4th), 8-1 Charter Belle, 9-1 Presently Do, Wynsome Miss, 10-1 Aspara, Eastgate, 12-1 Anns Dream, September Star, 20-1 Silly Rocket, Swift Light, 25-1 Petingalyn, Cloudeen, Commo Song, Crimson Glove, Garn, Happy Waters, Narli, Mani Poum, Virgin Slave. 22 ran.
TOTE: Win, £4.57; places, £1.29, 26p, 38p. E. Weymes, Middleham. Nk, ¾l.

2.15 (2.19) BEWDLEY STAKES (3-y-o: £399: 1m 1f)
Sotos, ch c, by Continuation—Sky Charm (J. Walker) 9-0 G. Duffield (13-8 fav) 1
Fast Mover, b c, by Runnymede—Emma Peecher (J. Hardy) 9-7 C. Moss (11-2) 2
Surprise Event, b g, by Galivanter—Reward (R. Frost) 8-11 J. Egan (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Lucky Seventeen, Celtic Rose, 8-1 Airways (4th), 10-1 Cunning Trick, 12-1 Wriggling, 16-1 Maygo, 25-1 Lingwell Lady, Kist. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 14p, 18p, 56p. L. Walker, at Newmarket. 2l, nk. Winner was bought in for 1,700 guineas.

2.45 (2.46) BLOXWICH HANDICAP (£679: 1m 1f)
Ascot Royale, gr g, by Track Spare—Petite Path (R. Mason), 4-8-3 W. Higgins (12-1) 1
Ballad Singer, br h, by Prince Dual—Dusky Legend (Mrs Q. Cressey), 5-9-2 D. Cullen (11-2) 2
Just Revenge, ch c, by Compensation—Wise Counsel (B. Attenborough), 3-8-13 W. Carson (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt favs The Nadi Royale, Coleus, 6-1 Pin High, 7-1 Ramadour, 10-1 Rotrignol, 15-1 Czarist (4th), 20-1 Sunny Jim. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 92p; places, 24p, 26p, 16p; dual forecast, £4.11. R. Mason, at Guisborough. Nk, 1½l.

3.15 (3.17) MUCH WENLOCK STAKES (£535: 1½m)
Here Comes Charlie, b g, by Prince de Galles—The Ambion (T. Corbett), 3-7-11 D. Cullen (10-1) 1
Somersal, ch c, by Will Somers—Chamousel (H. Meyer), 4-8-1 W. Nicholson (12-1) 2
Jamaya, ch m, by Double-U-Jay—Chataka (B. Allen), 5-8-6 J. Woodward (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Morte D'Arthur (4th), 4-1 Peace of Mind, 6-1 Creptina, 10-1 Hamish, 12-1 Satchman, 14-1 Ron's Lass, 20-1 Miss Quilp, Archetto, Hunting Song, Census, Dance Hard, Vikings Defeat, Wenlock Edge, City Gate, Spring Vision. 18 ran.
TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 19p, 79p, £3.33. T. Corbett, at Newmarket. 3l, 1½l.

3.45 (3.47) ALDRIDGE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £483: 5f 190yd)
Coplow Kate, ch f, by Sovereign Gleam—One Rose (K. Parsons), 7-4 ...... R. Fox (13-2) 1
Hot Belle, br f, by Hotfoot—Cavaletta (J. Edmonds), 6-13 W. Higgins (10-1) 2
Balldale, br f, by Balidar—Sunningadel (Lord Clifton), 8-9 F. Morby (11-10 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Lady Protectress, 8-1 Polyanna, 14-1 Sea Pink (4th), Easy Boy. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 17p, 37p; dual forecast, £2.50. W. Wharton, at Melton Mowbray. 1½l, sh hd. Lotto did not run.

4.15 (4.25) APPRENTICES SPRINT STAKES (3-y-o: £376: 5f)
Silver Camp, b f, by Silver Shark—Royal Camp (Mrs R. Masore), 8-11 ...... W. Higgins (4-1) 1
Kashville, b c, by Kashmir II—Wold Lass (G. Greenwood), 9-4 M. Simmonite (evens fav) 2
Deva Rose, b f, by Chestergate—Sunburst Rose (Mrs P. Sherwin), 8-7 ...... M. Wigham (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Phlox, Golden Victory (4th), 33-1 Song's First, Carradine, Hopri. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 49p; places, 14p, 12p, 17p; dual forecast, 48p. R. Mason, at Guisborough. ½l, 2½l.

4.45 (4.52) HAGLEY PLATE (Div I: 2-y-o: £414: 1m 1f)
Brompton Square, b c, by Charlottown—Tinted (Mrs M. Jones), 9-0 ...... E. Eldin (2-1 fav) 1
Tar Sesspre, ch c, by Karabas—Kufra Oasis (Dr J. Sahlgum), 9-0 ...... W. Carson (5-1) 2
Princess Pie Eye, b f, by Prince De Galles—Pie Eye (Lord Leverhulme) 8-11 ... D. Cullen (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 St Torbay, 8-1 Tidal Dance, 10-1 Joyful God, 12-1 Kabrul (4th), 16-1 King's News, 20-1 C Minor, Flippant Heck, Fountains Abbey, Initial, Limbalu. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 20p, 23p, 39p. P. Robinson, at Newmarket. 1½l, ¾l.

5.10 (5.20) HAGLEY PLATE (2-y-o: Div II: £414: 1m 1f)
Swift Heron, br c, by Great Heron—Zephie (C. Beeclo), 9-0 W. Carson (10-11 fav) 1
Japsilk, b c, by St Paddy—Geisha (G. Deards), 9-0 J. Curant (17-2) 2
Trasi's Son, ch c, by Prendre—Trasi-Girl (J. Hickman), 9-0 C. Moss (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Pink Tank, 6-1 Paper Rich, 14-1 Cockleburn, 16-1 Myddle Tikki, 20-1 Heather Tops (4th), Alison's My Girl, Ballyeeli, Game Season, Juke Noye, Mesohalren, Raindike, Twynlyne Lass. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 15p; places, 11p, 24p, 20p. C. Brittain, at Newmarket. 4l, nk.
TOTE DOUBLE: Ascot Royale and Coplow Kate, £77.85. TREBLE: Sotos, Silver Camp and Here Comes Charlie, £50.85.

Tennis

Now Miss Wade has somewhere to put her Cleveland flowers

Cleveland, Sept 15.—The British women's team have won the Wightman Cup for the second consecutive year after beating the United States 5—2. On their return, they will also take with them 20,000 dollars (about £9,500) after the forty seventh contest between the two countries. It was Britain's first win in America since 1925.

The competition was wide open as play began yesterday when Britain were 3—1 ahead with three matches to play. The Americans closed the gap when Christine Evert beat the British captain, Virginia Wade, 6—3, 7—6, but Glynis Coles made victory certain when she beat Mona Schallau, 6—3, 7—6. Britain also won the final match, the doubles, when Miss Coles and Susan Barker beat Miss Evert and Miss Schallau, 7—5, 6—4.

Miss Coles took advantage of the nervous Miss Schallau in the opening set as she broke service in the second and fourth games to win 6—3 in 30 minutes. The American steadied herself in the second set, breaking service in the second game.

Miss Coles, however, broke back and again in the ninth game to lead 5—4. Miss Schallau then saved five match points in the tenth game before breaking Miss Coles to level the set. Each held service and the match went into a tie-breaker, won by Miss Coles, 7—4.

"It's good for the series that we have won two in a row", Miss Wade commented. "This time we knew we could win. We came here knowing that we had the talent. We could win if we put our minds to it." Miss Wade, who also captained the British team to a 6—1 victory in Wales last year thought the key match was the doubles on Saturday when she and Ann Jones beat Julie Anthony and Janet Newberry, 6—2, 6—3.

Miss Wade thought that Julie Heldman, the captain of the American team, made "a big mistake" in splitting up the successful doubles pair of Miss Anthony and Miss Schallau. "The last time I was here in Cleveland, I received flowers but no cup", Miss Wade said during the closing ceremonies. "This time I have both flowers and the cup."

Miss Wade first played in the contest here in Cleveland in 1965 and is in her third year as captain. Paul Hutchins, the British team manager, said: "We hope to win the Cup in England again next year. They have won it enough." The Americans have won 38 times, Britain nine.

Although Britain played its top three women, the United States were represented by Miss Evert (first), Miss Newberry (12th), Miss Schallau (15th) and Miss Anthony (unranked). Miss Heldman is rated fifth but did not play, and among the absent were Billy Jean King, Rosemary Casals and Valerie Ziegenfuss. "They had a strong team", said Miss Wade, "because Miss Evert is worth any two of us".

Miss Evert won her two singles matches as expected, beating Miss Coles and then Miss Wade in the finest match of the competition. "Miss Wade plays well and I knew I'd have to play aggressively and not be afraid to try anything new", said Miss Evert. Miss Wade replied: "I wanted desperately to win that match and played well enough to do so, but she hits good shot after good shot, and you cannot beat her when everybody is against you."

The Lawn Tennis Association is now looking forward to further success against the Americans in Britain next month. The Maureen Connolly Trophy, regarded as a junior Wightman Cup event, has always been contested in America but this year will be played at the Palace Hotel, Torquay, on October 23 and 24.

Miss Barker is certain to be in the under-21 match, together with Linda Mottram and Michele Tyler. They won the Annie Soisbault Cup, the team competition for under-21 players, during the summer against stiff opposition from 24 other countries. Miss Barker is 19, Miss Mottram 18 and Miss Tyler 17. With careful development, they should ensure a good future for Britain.

SINGLES: Miss S. V. Wade (GB) beat Miss M. Schallau, 6—2, 6—1; Miss C. Evert beat Miss G. Coles (GB), 6—4, 6—1; Miss S. Barker (GB) beat Miss J. Newberry, 6—4, 7—5; Miss Evert beat Miss Wade, 6—3, 7—6; Miss Coles beat Miss Schallau, 6—3, 7—6.

DOUBLES: Miss Wade and Mrs A. Jones (GB) beat Miss Newberry and Miss J. Anthony, 6—2, 6—3; Miss Coles and Miss Barker beat Miss Evert and Miss Schallau, 7—5, 6—4.—Agencies.



The moment of triumph for Great Britain as Glynis Coles wins the decisive singles against Mona Schallau.

Mexico City, Sept 15.—Roger Taylor, of Great Britain, won his final match by default in Mexico's round of the second annual Caribbean tournament yesterday. His opponent, Thomas Koch, of Brazil, was sick and unable to play. Taylor now leads the men's competition, which now moves to Colombia for three matches beginning tomorrow. Santana, of Spain, last year's champion, is second, three points behind. Pamela Teeguarden, of the United States and last year's champion, is leading the women's competition by two points.—AP.

Escapologist is now likely to run at Cologne

Escapologist, who won the Valdoe Stakes at Goodwood by a head yesterday, will miss the Irish Sweeps Cambridgeshire. Arthur Budgett, his trainer, said: "My colt receives a 7lb penalty for this win, and he's now likely to run at Cologne in the Grosser Khaufhof-Pries over a mile".

Escapologist, sent ahead of Ranksborough two furlongs out by Ernie Johnson, tended to idle in front. Indeed, he was nearly caught by Ranksborough, who may run in the St Simon Stakes at Newbury.

Budgett's hopes of winning his first Cambridgeshire now probably rest with Dominion, who escaped a penalty for the Newmarket race when cantering home at Goodwood on Friday. Dominion is weighted at 9st 5lb in the Cambridgeshire and considering the colt ran third in the 2,000 Guineas, he must have a fair chance if saddled at Newmarket on October 4.

Carrying the colours made famous by Petingo, an American-bred filly, Petalca, won on her first appearance in the Goldings Maiden Stakes. She was immediately marked as a prospect for the 1976 Oaks by her trainer, Clive Brittain. It was his 21st success of the season although his stable has been badly affected by the virus.

Captain Marcos Lemos, the owner, said: "I bought Petalca for £15,000 privately in America, mainly because her dam, Alcazar II, produced Petingo. The last time I came to Goodwood was when Petingo won the 1968 Sussex Stakes." Captain Lemos, with 32 horses in training, has not had the expected success this season. Petalca is only his ninth winner. Brittain is now only two winners away from his century since starting training in 1972.

Belle Bretonne lost by a head in the Royal Sussex Stakes to Eric Stuart. Steven Woodman, an amateur rider, was carrying 4lb overweight on Belle Bretonne, which must have affected his battle in the last furlong with the winner.

Peter Walwyn's Tanzor and Nicholas Vigor's My Revenge each incurred the fixed £25 non-runner penalty. Their pleas that the going had changed were not accepted. Albert Neaves was fined a similar amount because Sandwich Bay an intended runner in the Goldings Maiden Stakes, arrived without a passport.

John Oxley, the Newmarket trainer, who has held a licence for 17 seasons, has decided to leave racing at the end of the current season. Oxley emphasizes the now-familiar burden of soaring overheads as one of the principal reasons for his decision.

Yorkshire Cup draw

The draw for the semi-final round of the Yorkshire Rugby League Cup is as follows:

Hull Kingston Rovers v Featherstone Rovers, Tuesday, September 23, 7.30, at Craven Park, Hull; Keighley v Leeds, no date yet, at Lawkholme Lane, Keighley.

Olympic Games

EBU make small concession in pay agreement

From Alan McGregor
Geneva, Sept 15

The European Broadcasting Union said today that the television rights agreement reached with the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games organizing committee is on the basis of the television organizations paying only $150,000 (about £71,000) more than their previous $9.3m offer (about £4.4m). The EBU itself, however, will pay its share, $4.5m (about £2.1m) out of the total of $9.45m, in advance when the contract is signed early next month.

The statement said the extra money was coming, in equal parts, from an EBU member body which wished to remain anonymous, from the Arab States Broadcasting Union and from the African Countries Broadcasting Organization. The other bodies involved in the deal represent the Socialist, Asian and Latin American countries.

All participants have agreed to make their payments to the Montreal Committee in American dollars. The Canadians were asking in January for $30m (about £14.3m) and the EBU and the East Europeans were offering about $5m. Last month, the Canadians were still holding out for $18m (about £8.5m).

Sir Charles Curran, the president of EBU, had also suggested that the Montreal authorities make African television rights available for 50,000 dollars (about £24,000) to the Union of National Radio and television organizations of Africa, COJO had accepted these proposals, the EBU said.

The EBU, with its administrative headquarters in Geneva, has been negotiating on behalf of companies in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. Fees have already been agreed for the North American rights.

Japanese victory

Maruto, Japan, Sept 15.—The Japanese national football team beat Shamrock Rovers 2—0 here today. The Japanese, preparing for next month's Olympic qualifying round, scored in the 58th and 82nd minutes. Shamrock won the first game in Tokyo 3—2 last Thursday. They meet again on Wednesday.—Reuter.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 6, Cleveland Indians 2; Baltimore Orioles 9, Detroit Tigers 3; Boston Red Sox 8, Milwaukee Brewers 0; Kansas City Royals 10, California Angels 4; Minnesota Twins 10, Oakland Athletics 8; Texas Rangers 9, Chicago White Sox 8.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 4, Montreal Expos 3; St. Louis Cardinals 6, New York Mets 2; Philadelphia Phillies 13, Chicago Cubs 7; Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Atlanta Braves 2; San Francisco Giants 4, Cincinnati Reds 2; Cincinnati Reds 8, San Francisco Giants 3; Houston Astros 4, San Diego Padres 2.

Bloodstock sales

American pays 13,000 gns for Upper Case filly

Goff's Yearling Sales got off to a good start with a five-figure transaction during the first half-hour at the new complex in co Kildare yesterday.

Bidding for the Anglo-Irish Agency on behalf of the American patron, Millard Waidheim, the trainer, Paddy Prendergast, went to 13,000 guineas for the Waterloo House Stud's bay filly by the American stallion, Upper Case, out of the winning mare, Face Lift.

Before being retired to stud in England in 1973, Upper Case—a Round Table horse out of a Bold Ruler mare—won the Florida Derby and five other races worth $214,000 (about £100,000). The filly is half sister to a winner, Takachiho, which is in training with Prendergast. Wateroo House had eight lots on offer without reserve today and they totalled 25,780 guineas.

Police prepare the way for Davis Cup tie

Baastad, Sept 15. — Police combed this coastal resort today for bombs and other material which could disrupt the Davis Cup semi-final round between Sweden and Chile this weekend.

By the time the match starts on Friday, more than 1,155 riot police from all around Sweden will be on duty in this south-western town with a population of 2,400 to protect the Chilean team against demonstrators who have threatened action against this event.

Chile, under sharp criticism from Sweden for its right wing military dictatorial policies, had earlier withdrawn their first string team because of death threats against Jaime Fillol, Patricio Cornejo and Belus Prajoux—Chile's top three players.

By Sunday, the Chilean Tennis Federation announced that Cornejo and Prajoux would come to Baastad along with three other Chilean players, but Fillol still declined, saying his life was more important than his tennis future.

Swedish police are taking no chances with the possibility of violence. Although they said they could not "guarantee" the safety of the Chilean team, provincial police chief, Hans Fielner, has promised everything possible to make the area secure.—UPI.

Billiards

AUCKLAND: World amateur championship: Section one: J. Reece beat Mohammad Shahawardi, 1,000—803. Section two: C. Everton beat T. Yosberg, 1,097—710.

Tennis

CHARLOTTE: Men's single final: V. Amritraj (India) beat I. Nastase (Romania), 3—6, 7—5, 6—4. Women's singles final: Miss M. Navratilova (Czechoslovakia) beat Mrs F. E. Cawley (Australia), 3—6, 6—2, 7—6. Mixed doubles final: M. Cox (GB) and Miss B. Stove (Netherlands) beat B. Borg (Sweden) and Mrs Cawley, 4—6, 6—2, 6—4.

Fashion

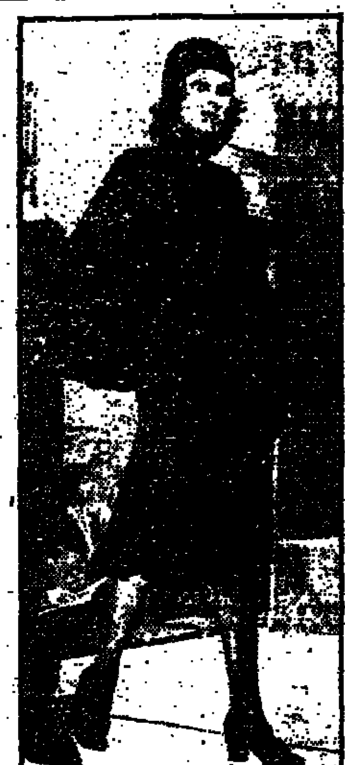
by Prudence Glynn

Photographs taken by Harry Kerr at the fashion show for delegates to the Inter-Parliamentary Union arranged by Lady Elwyn-Jones and held at the Royal Academy. The clothes included the work of most major British designers plus that of students from the RCA and St Martin's School of Art, and the salon was decorated with outstanding examples of the work of British textile designers, ranging from students to such famous names as Bernard Nevill, whose glazed speckled cotton check was especially attractive. The show illustrated the extraordinary range of clothes we produce in this country.

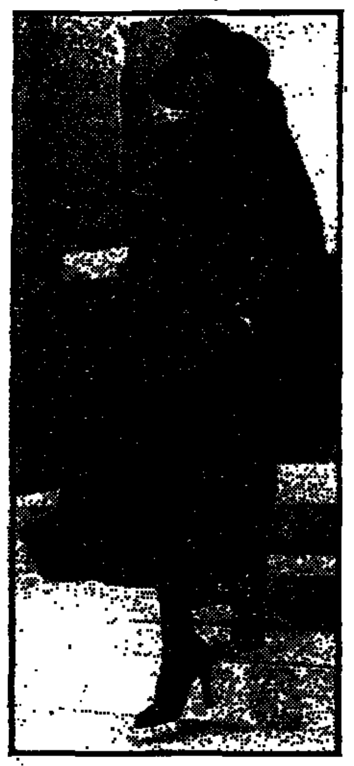


Supreme chiffons: Zandra Rhodes, above, and Ossie Clark, *right*





The incomparable, Jean Muir, above



Above, magnificent daywear, John Bates





Knitwear by Kay Cosserat, above, left, and classic C and K, above







. . . and Maria Mannion, above



Above, naive charm (Salmon and Green); above right, brilliant fantasy (Bill Gibb); and right ethnic fun, Lynda Kee-Scott

Anything they can do we can do as well, and ought to be able to do as cheaply

I remain undecided whether the mass media moulds or reflects society, but since the film *Rollerball*—in which the world is shown ruled by a few vast commercial companies and violence is the only outlet for individual feelings—has been hailed with the sort of salacious apathy with which the wretched British now view what they have been *brainwashed* into believing is their inexorable fate as a true picture of the future, I am bound to say that I believe precisely the opposite to be the case.

Furthermore, I *think that* anyone with his eyes open and his mind prepared for the U-turns and circles which make up real life, as opposed to commercial fantasy, might agree that the *Rollerball* concept is hopelessly out of date.

Appeals to the "national interest" and efforts to galvanize the "national" will on the old fashioned pattern have been shown only too clearly to have failed. It is not so much the need for new leaders, as new-style leaders with new directions that is implied by the fragmentation of society into groups with disparate interests but shared disillusionment with central government, national planning, big companies.

The students I meet want to be in business on their own; the ideal of the European Community is shuddering under yet another sectional fight; there is a proliferation of voluntary bodies to plug the gaps in the welfare state's impersonally cumbersome machinery; the application of political ideology without the disciplines to make it practical has split society. The concept of size is distrusted, the rediscovery of the *individual* and his responsibilities to the community and to the environment is surely implicit in the attitudes of many of the young. Arguably, we have reached the zenith of the industrialized *society* and the Age of Aquarius will be indeed a peaceful and pastoral one.

If all this seems rather long term, or even off course for a fashion article, let me add that almost nowhere is the true inclination for devolution more obvious than in clothing. Apart from the universal *jeans, there* is no single "look" in fashion. Individualism is rife, and, what is more interesting, when there is a trend with wide appeal to the young it has strong ethnic overtones. Fashion is no longer *evolving, it is* devolving, and countries with a stake in fashion production need to present a strong individual look, or a radiant interpretation, or a very efficient supply (preferably all three) to stay in the game.

The appeal of ethnic clothes is that they contain not only references to a life seen (probably too romantically) as more leisured and peaceful, but also that they have been created not just for adornment but for function in specific circumstances. It may seem a charming whim that we are all nipping about in quilted Chinese jackets, but the fact is that the rise in the cost of fabrics has left cotton among the few fibres which most people can afford, as it was in China. If you are going to have to wear cotton all the year round you have to pad and quilt it or you are going to freeze to death in our climate.

When I went to Yugoslavia recently for a display of international designer fashion in Trogir, the ravishing Venetian town outside Split, what I really wanted to bring home were classic canvas Yugoslav *workers'* ankle boots (toeless and heelless and looking for all the world like the footwear of the Greek gods or the Roman soldiers, and undoubtedly the first cousin of the Courreges boot of 1965) and the beautiful white, black, terra cotta or blue, thick cotton dresses with pleated front panels and embroidery encrusted sleeves which are in the museum. If only Yugoslavia would offer us those, not sad attempts at *sophisticated* styles which are as disastrous as its attempts at sophisticated food. The *national dress, like the national* food, is delicious.

My one grouch about ethnic clothes is that they require a whole new vocabulary to describe them, consisting as they mostly do of layers of hitherto *unidentified garments.* For others similarly stuck, I can recommend the handbook produced to accompany the current Canterbury Cathedral exhibition. I cannot recommend anything about the exhibition since its organizers have seen fit to invite visitors between 10.30 and 6.30, when the last admission is 5.15—a fact not revealed until you are at the very door—and the attendants can milk the ultimate delight from turning you away. Since the posters for *the exhibition are displayed on,* for example, Waterloo Station, what if the luckless tourist has travelled a hundred miles to see the treasures?

I was only slightly mollified by finding that they were singing Brahms's *How Lovely are Thy Dwellings,* at evensong, and by the addition to my fashion vocabulary of such items of religious (they looked eminently secular to me) ethnic dress as a dalmatic (from Dalmatia, where else?) a tunicle, a rochet and above all a chimere, a long, edge-to-edge, sleeveless coat which is the sort of thing the Royal College of Art is always producing.

I was more mollified by the fashion show at the Royal Academy last week. It was the brainchild of the irresistible Lady Elwyn-Jones, who was determined to show the delegates to the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference what talent and fashion creativity we have in this country. She galvanized models, colleges, designers, and men with money into producing a show which, while it could be criticized on grounds of content—which in its inclusions and exclusions smacked more of arbitrary personal preferences than of professional assessment—was a magnificent gesture of confidence when we most need it. We do have a great industry, *and that what we make is* exciting is demonstrated by the fact that the Mayor of Menton wants the whole shebang for a grand tour of the Riviera.

At the end of October we have another British Fashion Week, and *again this should* be a chance to show that we can challenge the world. The brighter side of a cheap pound is that we are highly competitive (if we had had proper investment after the war, we would have been, competitive anyway, but that is another story). There is a restriction imposed by the EEC on low-cost imports which is still new enough to have some teeth—manufacturers are now switching production back to this country, *so for heaven's sake,* Leicester, get up off the ground and take advantage of it.

Mr Peter Shore will be furthering his "buy British" beliefs by opening the fair. For the first time the better stores are *participating in promotions* —why do not the restaurants cash in, too?

Phooey to opening things, say I. The British Fashion Week follows, indeed overlaps with, that of Paris, yet only a fraction of the buyers who thunder round the Porte de Versailles make the extra 400-or-so-mile journey here? Why? Partly because we do not promote ourselves, overseas enough, partly because we simply do not woo the buyers in the same way.

The place to grab business is Paris. Let Mr Shore provide an aeroplane from Orly every evening of the fair, cover it with posters, cover the Porte de Versailles with information about this service, and with a nominal charge, a guaranteed seat, and a bed this end, put his money where his "buy British" ideals are. Add a proper regular bus service to and from the West End and Kensington High Street, and we are starting in business. Ideology may be all very well, but when your feet are killing you it is the comforts that count . . . and make the cheque book open.

First-class honours at London University

London University has announced the following list of first-class honours degrees awarded this summer:

THEOLOGY

BD: J. G. Hampson, Heythrop C and St Aloysius C, Glasgow; D. W. Haskin, Heythrop C and Detroit Univ; J. A. McGuckin, *Heythrop C,* and St Cuthbert's GS, Newcastle.

ARTS

BA: Arabic: A. C. Shapland, S of Or and African Studies and Leominster GS.

Archaeology: Elizabeth R. Kerr, S of Or and African Studies and Belmont Abbey, Hereford.

Chinese: Elizabeth C. Campbell, S of Or and African Studies and E Herts C of Further Ed.

Classics: W. D. *Furley, Univ C* and Qu Elizabeth S, Barnet; Anne C. Harding, Univ C and Camden S.

English: Yolande Armstrong, Qu Mary C and Brierley Hill GS, Worcestershire; Charlotte M. Brunsdon, Univ C and St Paul's S, Brook Green; Jane E. E. Chandler, King's C and Twickenham GS; Elizabeth R. Clarke, King's C and Newton Abbot GS; Jane Clarke, Univ C and Norwich HS; D. R. Grantley, *Birkbeck C and Highlands North* HS South Africa; R. W. Ellis, Birkbeck C and St Olave's GS; Joanna M. A. Hopkinson, R Holloway C and Eastbourne C; C. J. Kirkham, Univ C and Bury GS; D. J. McGrath, Westfield C and Palmer's C, Grays, Essex; Patricia A. Newport, R Holloway C and Holt S, Wokingham; Victoria R. Rothschild, Bedford C and Davies, Laing and Dick, Paddington; A. P. T. Simpson, Birkbeck C and Gresham's S, Holt, Norfolk; Lynn B. Walsler, King's C and Reedean.

French: Miriam E. Atlas, Westfield C and Lycée Français de Londres; Nina O. [illegible] Coll S; Elizabeth J. Goodchild, R Holloway C and the H S [illegible]; Hugh Hawker, Univ C and Emanuel GS; Elizabeth F. Lowe, Univ C and Manchester H S; Lynda S. Osborn, Univ C and the HS, Stamford; *Gilberte F. M.* Sanders, *Univ C and Academie de Rennes,* France; Margaret E. Smith, Birkbeck C and St Paul's Girls' S.

Geography: Teresa M. [illegible], Bedford C and Cardinal Newman S, Hove; Anne J. Sutherland, S of O and African Studies, and Queen's C, Westminster.

German: Brita K. Benecke, Birkbeck C and Stockholm Univ; Kay R. Elliott, R Holloway C and Bromley HS; Jill Hampton, King's C and GS Ashby De-La-Zouch; [illegible] *and Walbrook C; Judith S. K. House,* [illegible] Comp S; [illegible] Birkbeck C and Paedagogische Hochschule Freiburg; Linda M. Iannis, Bedford C and Heaton S, Jesmond Park West, Newcastle upon Tyne 6; Jane B. Nell, Bedford C and Westminster Tutors; Christine Perry-Huber, Birkbeck C and Dolmetscherschule, Zurich; Karen Roberts, Bedford C and Holywell HS; Ruth O. Ransom, Univ C and Felixstowe Comp S; Denise Whilde, Q Mary C and Bridgwater GS for Girls, Somerset.

History of Art: A. Hughes, Courtauld Inst of Art and Bush [illegible].

Japanese: Helen J. Ballhatchet, S of O and African Studies and Mennetta Barnett S; G. N. O. Wodoe, S of Or and African Studies and Alderman Newton Boys' S, Leicester; Jacqueline M. Ingram, S of Or and African Studies and St Helen's S, Northwood; B. D. Moeran, S of Or and African Studies and Radley C, Abingdon; Orma V. Sisley, S of Or and African Studies and Regent Street Polytech; R. C. Thompson, S of Or and African Studies and Canford S, Dorset.

Latin: Jeanne K. Barker, Bedford C and Bolton S; Marilynne A. Bromley, Bedford C and Eastbourne HS; Lynne V. Norbron, King's C and Macclesfield HS.

Modern History, Economic History and Politics: M. J. Smith, R Holloway C and Brighton C.

Philosophy: D. A. *Bradley, King's C* and Childwall Hall C, Liverpool; M. N. Cohen, King's C and Glasgow H S; R. F. Kayser, Bedford C and The BS, La Folla, California.

Portuguese and Brazilian Studies: Susan Dos Santos, King's C and Darlington HS.

Russian Language and Literature: Deborah B. Dunton, S of Slavonic and E European Studies and Carleton Univ, Ottawa.

A. Lacasa, *S of Slavonic and E* European Studies, and Moscow Univ; E. R. Sicher, S of Slavonic and E European Studies, and Cooper's Company's S, London.

South Asian Studies: Language and Literature: Maura Corcoran, S of Or and African Studies, and Private Tuition; Louise M. Finn, S of Or and African Studies, and C of Notre Dame of Maryland, USA.

Spanish: Penelope E. A. Newman, King's C and Walbrooke C, London.

Sociology (Branch I): R. D. Hollard, Goldsmiths' C and Alleyn's S, Dulwich.

German and French: T. W. Lewis, Bedford C and Loughborough GS.

German and History of Art: Susanne E. Oberholzer, Univ C and Cambridge C of Art and Tech; Claudia M. Selten, Birkbeck C and Tannenberg Gymnasium, Berlin.

German and Linguistics: Linda Needham, LSE and Accrington Girls' HS.

History and History of Art: D. J. Clarke, Univ C and Churston Ferrers GS, Brixham, Devon; Elizabeth G. Trypanis, Westfield C and Queen's Gate S; R. N. Verrall, Westfield C and Nevill S, Hove.

Philosophy and History of Art: Sherlagh R. Barnard, Univ C and Perse S, Cambridge.

Philosophy and Mathematics: P. S. Thornley, King's C and Xaverian C, Manchester.

French and History of Art: T. A. Phillips, Birkbeck C and St Boniface C, Plymouth.

French and Linguistics: S. Chisi, LSE and Oxford Milham Ford.

Italian and Romanian: Susan M. T. Acem, Univ C and Fidelis GS, Central Hill, London.

History (Br 11): Mary S. Caraffi, R Holloway C and Ursuline Convent HS, Wimbledon; Faith H. Chandler, Westfield C and Gillingham GS; R. P. Cust, Qu Mary C and Rugby S; J. J. Harrison, Qu Mary C and Downside S, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, Bath; G. Hattersley, LSE and Qu Elizabeth 6th Form C, Vane Terrace, Darlington; Jacqueline S. Keene, Bedford C and James Allen's GS, East Dulwich; Jennifer M. Morris, R Holloway C and Manchester HS.

History (Br 111): Juliet R. Hill, S of Or and African Studies, and Minehead GS.

LAWS

LLB: C. Booth, LSE and Sheffield GS, Liverpool; Ann L. Glover-Smith, Univ C and Reigate Co S; L. Lamb, LSE and St Bede's S, Lanchester, Durham; R. W. Moore, Qu Mary C and Longslade Upper S, Birstall, Leics; T. R. Mowschenson, Qu Mary C and Davies's, Southampton Row, London; G. Stella, Univ C and City of London S; Jennifer D. Stoneman, LSE and Farnborough Hill C, Farnborough; C. A. Whomersley, LSE and Warwick S.

MUSIC

BMus: P. E. Carleston, R Holloway C and Cambridge C of Arts and Tech; Natalie M. Webber, Goldsmiths' C and Luton HS.

MEDICINE

MB, BS: P. R. Bond, King's C Hosp Med S and Plympton GS, Plymouth; Suzanne J. Brush, The Middlesex Hosp Med S, and N London Coll S; Rosemary E. Challis, St George's Hosp Med S, and Sheffield HS; P. G. Davies, Guy's Hosp Med S, and Cheltenham C; Susan P. Fisher-Hoch, R Free Hosp S of Med, and Farnborough C of Tech; P. Franks, St Thomas's Hosp Med S, and Sir Anthony Browne's S, Brentwood; T. M. Gasper, King's C Hosp Med S and Tettenhall C, Wolverhampton; A. E. S. Gimson, The Middlesex Hosp Med S and Uppingham S; M. A. Henderson, King's C Hosp Med S, and Ampleforth C, York; M. W. Hebden, Univ C Hosp Med S, and Oundle S; J. R. Hodges, The London Hosp Med C and Kingsbridge Road S, S Devon; C. A. Jary, St Mary's Hosp Med S, and Clee Humberstone Foundation S, Cleethorpes; E. P. Logan, King's C Hosp Med S and Chatham House GS, Ramsgate; M. T. Lloyd, St Thomas's Hosp Med S and Priory S, Shrewsbury; Claire S. Langl, *Univ C Hosp Med S, and Camden S;* R. F. Massey, Guy's Hosp Med S and Purley GS; A. W. Nathan, The Middlesex Hosp Med S and Haberdashers' Aske's S; Susan L. Stubbs, The Middlesex Hosp Med S and St Paul's Girls' S; Hazel N. Tinegate, King's C Hosp Med S, and Qu Mary S, Lytham; J. K. Wardle, St Thomas's Hosp Med S and Vyner's GS, Ickenham; A. J. Williams, The London Hosp Med C, Bedford S.

BDS: R. J. Middlehurst, Univ C Hosp Med S and Leighton Park S, Reading.

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New London site sought for Polish monument

By a Staff Reporter

The Katyn Memorial Fund *has decided to look for a new* site in London for a monument to the 14,500 Polish officers who disappeared in Russia during the Second World War. It has given up its lengthy fight to place the black granite obelisk in *St Luke's Gardens, Chelsea.*

A place in the former burial ground at St Luke's had been offered by the Kensington and Chelsea borough council, but the erection of the obelisk was strongly opposed by the church authorities and the fund lost its case in the consistory court of the diocese of London. Mr Louis FitzGibbon, the founder of the fund, said yesterday that the committee "did not want to continue this bickering".

The fund was seeking a site as close to the centre of London as possible.

Controversy has surrounded the monument because the fund wishes the obelisk to bear the inscription "Katyn 1940" which in effect puts the responsibility for the Katyn massacre of nearly 4,500 Polish officers on the Soviet Union. The Soviet Government, however, contends that the massacre occurred in late 1941, when the area around Katyn had been captured by the Nazis.

Concorde 204 ends trials with no major snags

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Work began at Bristol yesterday on fitting out the Concorde 204 supersonic airliner to be ready for delivery to British Airways later this year.

This is the aircraft that the manufacturer, the British Aircraft Corporation, has put through an intensive series of endurance trials demanded by the Civil Aviation Authority before it issues a certificate of airworthiness.

The trials began early in July and ended at the weekend, by which time Concorde 204 had made 128 flights, covered 325,000 miles, flown for 380 hours, and carried 6,500 passengers. The endurance programme was linked with a similar series of flights made by Concorde 203, assembled in France. Neither aircraft experienced any serious difficulties during the trials. The CAA is now analysing the results and may issue its certificate next month.

It is expected, however, that the aircraft may be ordered back to the Far East for additional flying tests in monsoon conditions. During its spell in that area the weather was, ironically, too good.

Although Concorde 204 is now being refurbished, with the last of its test equipment being removed from the passenger cabin, it will not be the first of the new generation of supersonic airliners to be delivered to British Airways. That will be Concorde 206, which is in the final stages of completion at the BAC works at Filton, Bristol, and is due to make its maiden flight within the next few weeks.

British Airways have five Concordes on order, and Air France four. Both airlines are now in an advanced stage of planning for opening their first commercial services with the 1,350 mph airliner, British Airways to Bahrain and Air France to Rio de Janeiro, by way of Dakar.

Both hope to start on January 1, but that date might be put forward by up to a month if there should be any late technical difficulties or if the issuing of the certificate of airworthiness is delayed. If one airline is held up, the other would delay the start of its services to coincide, by agreement, on the same day. But the opening of the initial services, except for Bahrain, depends at present on obtaining operating rights.

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Butchers and farm[illegible] campaign today t[illegible] people to eat more [illegible] eventually pay more [illegible] will cooperate in [illegible] £250,000 on adverti[illegible] face of falling cons[illegible] some meat, and the [illegible] heavy supplies in th[illegible]

The campaign is b[illegible] the Meat and Live[illegible] mission. Mr Bill Ma[illegible] tor of its Meat [illegible] Executive, said yest[illegible] the £250,000 was rin[illegible] with the annual exp[illegible] meat.

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Mr Marlow said [illegible] prices had not kept [illegible] inflation.

Meat consumption [illegible] has increased, but, [illegible] pork and poultry. Lam[illegible] and less beef is e[illegible] before the Second Wo[illegible]

The Ministry of A[illegible] said yesterday that th[illegible] ment and EEC were [illegible] spend £135m this yea[illegible] ing British beef farm[illegible]

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EXHIBITIONS

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THE ARTS

Photo-journalism: images that stick in the mind

Three from Picture Post
Photographers' Gallery

Paul Overy

Thurston Hopkins, writing about the exhibition of his work at the Photographers' Gallery (with two other photo-journalists Kurt Hutton and Bert Hardy): "I've always been too *interested in people* to regard them as art objects; what I tried to pin down on film was something of my feelings about them, and their human situation, as I stood before them". This is a perennial worry about photography: is it art? And if it is, does the photographer risk turning people into objects: *art objects?* Another worry that nags at the thoughtful photographer. Just as the good news story is so often bad news, so the good news photograph is usually of some terrible event. As Bert Hardy once said: "Dreadful things bring terrific pictures". But the good photographer brings qualities of understanding and compassion. Certainly Hardy himself did; there can have been no war photographs more sensitive to the sufferings and fears of men than his.

The photographer with the instinct and understanding of a good photo-journalist needs the stimulus of the commission, the knowledge that his pictures are going to be published for a wide audience. When the time in advertising, earning far outlet was gone, the incentive for such men to make the kind of pictures they wanted to make went. After *Picture Post* folded, Hardy worked for some more than he ever did as a photo-journalist. "But in advertising you're only in fashion for about five years; after which I didn't look for more work but found a quiet place in the country to retire to". Hutton had already retired before *Picture Post* closed in 1957, to Aldeburgh, where he mainly took photographs of the Aldeburgh Festival. These are good specialist photographs, but lack the urgent qualities of his photo-journalism. Hopkins worked in advertising for a while, now teaches photography at a Surrey art school.

Hardy is the best known of the three, now as then. "He was usually the first one the writers asked for on any assignment", Tom Hopkinson, editor of *Picture Post* from 1938 to 1950, has written. "There were few assignments except perhaps theatre and ballet—on which as editor I wouldn't have wished to send him if he were available." (The thought of Hardy photographing ballet conjures up a nice picture.) It was his ability to sympathize with, without sentimentalizing, people living in terrible conditions, which gives his photographs their immediacy.

Brought up the eldest of seven children of a family living in two rooms near the Elephant, Hardy could go on an assignment to the Gorbals and take pictures which reveal not only compassion but also a deep understanding of people's plight. One of these pictures, simply entitled *The Gorbals, Glasgow*, has all the qualities (and more) of Dorothea Lange's famous photograph *Migrant Mother*, taken for Roosevelt's Farm Security Administration in California during the Depression. In Hardy's photograph a young girl sits with her chin in her hand at a table in a tenement room.

Whether this pathetic and sordid arrangement of food and utensils on the table was partly rearranged by Hardy or whether it is exactly as he found it hardly matters. It forcefully conveys what words only clumsily and long-windedly tell about the lives of these children. The eye keeps returning to the packet of Sifta salt, as if Hardy has focused the rangefinder of his Leica on its lettering. The packet contains a realistic representation of salt pouring from a sifter. By focusing attention on this detail, Hardy is able to say what would take thousands of words about the difference between the lives of those who keep their salt in sifters and those who do not. The whole photograph is rich in traditional symbols which work upon the viewer: bread, cups, spoons, knives, salt, table, curtains, bed. So much of this is chance, but it was Hardy's genius to seize and put to use such a chance to gain his effect.

Kurt Hutton (born Hubschman) a refugee from Hitler's Germany was one of the first photographers to join *Picture Post* when it was launched in 1938, and one of his first assignments was a brilliant series of photographs of children being seen off by their mamas on station platforms to their prep and public schools. The *Picture Post* text (it is reproduced in the exhibition) is somewhat naive, or misleading, implying that these are typical English boys returning to school rather than a privileged minority. Hutton's pictures, without being overly satirical, make it quite clear that they were not. A picture of a *Honeymoon Couple, Butlins 1946* is filled with sympathetic tenderness. *Pub in Wales* c. 1940, taken apparently from the landlord's side of the bar, must have been partly posed, yet like Hardy's Gorbals picture brilliantly reveals the relationship of people and the ordinary objects of their environment.

Hopkins, who had an art school training, and worked for a while as an illustrator, tends to be more arty in his effects, although he could produce brilliant pictures, like the pig held down in his pen under a net, *A Life for Sale, Cattle Market, Horsham, Sussex 1947*, or the well-known photograph of a poodle sitting up in the front seat of a chauffeur-driven car. But it is Hardy's pictures which remain longest in one's mind, like the Gorbals photographs or the beautiful pictures of Londoners hop-picking in Sussex in 1951. The deep-focus effect of the figures under the translucent sun-lit hop vines is mysterious and other-worldly. Other-worldly, indeed, for this picture, taken only 24 years ago, is of a world we have truly lost; a world in which there remained this link between the workingclass poor of London and the agricultural world of the countryside around it, from which a generation or two previously they had been sucked into the maw of the metropolis. That link is gone forever, but Hardy's photograph tenderly preserves this particular moment.

Tom Hopkinson in his introduction to the catalogue for the Hardy exhibition (superb value at 2p, subsidized by the Arts Council who sponsored this and the Hopkins exhibition) writes that photo-journalism is alive today, not in picture magazines but in television and film. "The present-day successors of Bert Hardy are the newsreel cameramen and the makers of television documentaries." But an important difference is this, although responsible to his picture editor who decided which pictures to reproduce, the still photo-journalist was none the less both his own cameraman and director. That gave his work an individual quality lacking in television or film. And the still image remains more powerful than the moving one and sticks in the mind longer. That is why there might still be room for a picture magazine like *Picture Post* today if anyone had the money and far-sightedness to launch it.





Thurston Hopkins: A Life for Sale, Cattle Market, Horsham, Sussex, 1947, and, right, Bert Hardy: The Gorbals, Glasgow

Salome
King's, Edinburgh

Stanley Sadie

Like many of the German open houses, the Berlin Deutsche Oper have standing the famous Wieland Wagner production of *Salome*. It is of course proper that the work of a theatrical genius should be preserved in aspic: but the revival in Edinburgh leads one to wonder, first, whether the aspic is firmly enough set and, second, whether the mould can remain the right shape once its central feature has been removed.

That central feature was, of course, Anja Silja, around whose personality the production was built. It depended on her capacity to generate a particular kind of sexual energy; and without a powerful focal point the static character of the production puts the whole cast under strain. The extreme plainness of the set—nothing but a sharply raked stage with a vast central pit for Jokanaan—and the general immobility of the cast presuppose a central source of vital electricity; it in any case represents an unnatural approach to an opera that carries no kind of symbolism and offers no meanings susceptible to generalization.

Still, it would be unrealistic to suggest that the present cast is in fact acting out Wieland Wagner's staging except in a very broad sense. There is nothing like the discipline I recollect from some 10 years ago when I saw a Holland Festival performance, and the portrayals of extreme emotion, in supine writhings and the like, are now far less focused. A production of this sort is bound to loosen once the controlling hand, and inspiring mind, have gone. What does remain, partly because of his elaborate glittering costumes, is a strong atmosphere of rottenness and decadence.

It is not, of course, that Ursula Schröder-Feinen, the new Salome, is in any sense inadequate, but simply that this style of production does not match her abilities. She has in fact a remarkable voice. It is big, easily produced, and exceptionally even over a compass of more than two octaves. It does not have the cold Nordic gleam of most of today's Isoldes and Brünnhildes (she has sung the one role and is soon to sing the others); in the classic German mould, it has a rich, almost covered quality, quite without harshness, but firm, well formed, and solidly supported.

Her attack is extraordinarily powerful: she hits the notes hard, plumb in the middle (after one or two very near misses early on), at full volume. Probably, in fact, she never reached full volume in this small theatre, but her *mezzo-forte* is potent enough to cut through the orchestra in full cry. Even at the uppermost part of her voice she can sing softly, and although there is no striking tonal variety her phrasing is potentially expressive—for example the rich, sumptuous treatment of her pleas to Jokanaan, and the swelling phrases in the closing scene. If she lacks the natural physique for the dance, she nevertheless made a good deal of it with a limited but reasonably voluptuous range of movement, always precisely timed to the music. There was not much of ecstasy in her final invocation. When, as the production requires, she squats on the stage, still and calm, she is simply still and calm, not throbbing or smouldering.

For the sheer ability to make dramatic use of words and music and gesture, Astrid Varnay remains peerless: her Herodias was the most strongly defined character on the stage. This version of the production has her and Herod opposite one another at the front of the stage during the dance; it was in effect a real threesome. Hans Beier brings a rather soft-grained, unheroic tenor to Herod and he turns in a plausibly nervous, sensual reading, using his vocal resources intelligently and suggestively. His antics on the ground, wriggling and panting helplessly with lust, are less persuasive.



Ursula Schröder-Feinen

William Dooley's monumental, economical acting and spacious gesticulation are well in the Wieland Wagner pattern, but he scarcely looks a man of God and, except in his booming from within the cistern, scarcely sounds suitably strong or steadfast; perhaps the slow vibrancy represents a case of urgency and righteousness. I liked the incisive, taut and eventually anguished singing of Peter Gougaloff as Narraboth. The team of Jews sing forcefully and passionately (and the production, almost its only concession, keeps them tightly involved with the action); the Nazarenes by comparison seemed watery.

Strauss's mammoth orchestra, even with fewer strings than the Deutsche Oper sport in Berlin, overflowed into the stalls; and without the subduing, blending influence of a proper pit their sound was excessively immediate. But Gerd Albrecht's direction was both sensitive to colour, so that the textures were almost chamber-musical, and alive to drama, so that his timing of detail always served the action well. In sum it was an evening with many good things, not all of them properly related; it was also one to emphasize the absurdity of importing a large-stage production and a large-scale opera into a theatre where both were bound to be hopelessly cramped.

Wilbye Consort of Voices
Maltings, Snape

William Mann

When Benjamin Britten recovered from his heart operation, his admirers—even more, his friends and colleagues—noted with delight every positive step back to work: revisions to *Death in Venice*, folk music arrangements, the tidied-up edition of an early quartet. None of these was completely new music. On Sunday night Peter Pears conducted the Wilbye Consort of Voices in a set of eight unaccompanied part songs to medieval English texts, a substantial Britten work entitled *Sacred and Profane*, completely new and original music, a cause for thanksgiving and congratulation.

The songs are quite varied in vocabulary and technical elaboration as well as mood, from the freely tonal block chords of the opening "St Godric's Hymn" to the flexibly articulated solo lines of the last song, "A death", which, alone of the set, takes Britten's Orient-influenced music of the 1960s as its starting point.

Suspicious persons might wonder if some of the songs were sketched long ago, the block harmony and flowing soprano solo of "Yif ic of luve can", for example, or the imitative counterpoint in "The long night", even the brilliant choral scherzo "I mon waxe wod". But the eight songs are thematically unified by their continual concern with two basic ideas, a descending scale and a chain of thirds, which are tensed into exploring unexpected harmonic territory, most of all in the obviously recent final song.

Sacred and Profane was composed expressly for the five expert solo voices of the Wilbye Consort. Other larger choral groups will doubtless wish to undertake the new work. The dragging, poignant discords of "Ye that pasen by"—an old English paraphrase of *O vos omnes*—might sound even more moving with a big choral force.

The other songs emotionally require the pinpoint expression obtainable only from the vocal equivalent of a string quintet: for example the teasing suspense of the Carol, "Maiden in the mor lay", with its short phrases and acutely judged intervening pauses—the music is marked "With parody", in itself a call for the lightest possible touch (is the indication a private homage to Mahler?). "A death", the last and finest of the set, is also essentially music, infinitely subtle, for an ensemble of soloists, directed with real discernment—others in time will no doubt interpret the songs with something like Peter Pears's insight of a lifetime, even though at present one can hardly imagine it.

The songs are for five voices, the Wilbye Consort without its conductor and second tenor. Mr Pears's voice could be discreetly heard in "Draw on, sweet night" (memories of May Weeks at Cambridge), one of a Wilbye group of madrigals, which showed his strength as a conductor-interpreter, not least in the structural tensions of bipartite madrigals ("Sweet honeysucking bees" was another example). The concert was completed with string quartets by Haydn and Shostakovich played by the Fitzwilliam Quartet, alert and unanimous playing, curiously dark and rich in tone, as if deriving its colour from the sound of the group's outstanding cellist.

Newcastle Festival

This year's Newcastle Festival opens on Saturday. Visiting orchestras include both the BBC Northern and the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestras, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and the Scottish National Orchestra, while the home-based Northern Sinfonia Orchestra takes part in two events.

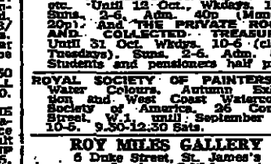
Among the soloists, recitalists and conductors will be Janet Baker, Victoria de los Angeles, Clara Arrau, Sandra Browne, John Hutchinson, Norman del Mar, Michael Beroff, Christopher Seaman, Bernadette Greevey, Anthony Rolfe Johnson, John Shirley-Quirk, Andrew Davis and Sylvia Kersenbaum.

A performance of *The Dream of Gerontius* will be given in association with the Durham Music Festival in Durham Cathedral, and Newcastle Cathedral will be host to I Solisti Veneti under their director Claudio Scimone.

Well before the recent Battersea Park season negotiations were at an advanced stage for the Royal Ballet to appear in the Big Top in the Newcastle Festival this year. They will be giving the first complete performances of *Romeo and Juliet* outside London for one week, and following these with *Swan Lake* for the second. Many of their leading dancers will be taking part.

Both the Prospect Theatre Company and the Actors Company will be taking part in the theatre with their current productions, *Pilgrim* and the *Phantom of the Opera* respectively.

Exhibitions will include costumes from the Royal Ballet's wardrobe (together with some of those from the Victoria and Albert Museum's Diaghilev collection); an exhibition of paintings from Newcastle's French twin town, Nancy, and a retrospective of festivals in Newcastle going back to 1871.



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Papua New Guinea

a Special Report

When you live under your mother's leg
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Now you come under your father's leg
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For being treated softly at home
A new time begins for you
When you must know
That you will be a man.

Mr Michael Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, recalls this song in the foreword to a book issued by his Government for today's independence celebrations. It was chanted, he says, at his first initiation ceremony "as we boys crawled between the legs of the men of our village, while they struck us with sticks and burnt us with glowing embers".

The picture, taken by Bob Browne in the Eastern Highlands district, is reproduced by courtesy of Voluntary Service Overseas.



Papua New Guinea becomes an independent nation today. It does so depending on Australia for more than half its annual budget, on more than 4,000 expatriates in government service and with most of its economy run by foreign firms.

To a degree independence has been thrust upon it by a mother country unwilling to bear the stigma and political risks of continuing as a colonial power in the post-colonial era. Australians have lost the will to rule. The preparing of Papua New Guineans to control their own affairs and their mental adjustment to the fact of being a united and independent nation are recent, abrupt and not without pain.

Misgivings remain, particularly in the more remote areas, as to whether the benefits of independence outweigh the cost. The sense of national identity, of being Papua New Guineans rather than Chimbus, Sepiks, Morobes or Keremas first, is fragile, even among the country's senior public servants and leaders.

Mr Michael Somare's Government is faced with rising expectations in the districts of what it can achieve for them. It is also faced with a decline in its capacity to meet these expectations—a decline which stems from reduced Australian aid, low export prices and inflation, and the dislocations which rapid localization of labour has inflicted in the public services. One of its main tasks, therefore, lies in maintaining and consolidating its own legitimacy.

If this scenario has a bleak familiar ring, evoking other colonial territories on the edge of nationhood, it is relieved by the abundance of natural resources which Papua New Guinea possesses. It is not doomed to remain a Third World mendicant, sustained by the charity of the developed world.

But their development will take time. By its own uncertainties the Somare Government has effectively checked the flow of foreign investment attracted by the previous Australian administration. Bougainville Copper Company is its only major development concern. The prospects of other similar concerns earning comparable revenue is at least 10 years away. As much as with its own electorate the Government must first establish its credibility with the international community, and with foreign investors in particular.

In coming to terms with the international community Papua New Guinea has no ambition to stand out of line. Its foreign policy will be universalist in principle: a willingness to trade and exchange diplomatic recognition with all nations but to resist entanglement in their alignments and disputes elsewhere.

Papua New Guinea, like Australia, sees no immediate threat to its territorial sovereignty. But for historical reasons it maintains, at considerable cost, two battalions and auxiliary units whose main task is surveillance of the West Irian border; five patrol boats to guard national waters from the multitude of poaching trawlers from the north, and four DC3s.

Until March these units were an integral part of the Australian defence force, developed as part of its northern defence shield. In money, personnel, equipment and training programmes the Australian military presence will remain. But by mutual agreement neither country wants to bind itself by a defence pact to the other.

To the foreign interloper, part of Papua New Guinea's fascination is that it defies prediction, however cautious or short-term. In aid, commerce, politics and cultural influence the Australian presence will predominate. A healthy relationship with the former colonizer may take at least a decade and perhaps the rest of the century to develop.

Village style for a national parliam

Within the formal structure of the Westminster model of government inherited from the Australian colonial rulers, a style of politics has emerged under a Papua New Guinean government which owes far more to the Melanesian village.

The Trobriand Islands apart, traditional communities had no hereditary chiefs, such as are found in Polynesian and African societies. Clan elders were repositories and arbiters of clan lore; leaders within the village community emerged through prowess as warriors and orators, and by the display of wealth in feasts and gifts. Within the village disputes were resolved by mediation rather than arbitration; and outside of them by intermittent warfare, compensation payments and shifting alliances cemented by trade and marriage.

The national parliament has about it the ambience of a village gathering of clan elders and leaders. The Prime Minister commands respect by his personal qualities rather than any awe for his office. The Government is intermittently defeated in divisions, with ministers as well as backbenchers crossing the floor of the House.

Through a surprisingly unfettered media—an Australian-owned daily newspaper and the government-financed National Broadcasting Commission—Papua New Guineans uninhibitedly pillory their leaders for their shortcomings. Democracy is alive and well in Papua New Guinea.

The Government, for its part, is sensitive and often amenable to opposition criticism. The Prime Minister consults with the opposition leader as with his coalition partners on questions of policy. The over-riding imperative in resolving major issues which divide the House is not so much having the numbers as establishing all-party agreement.

The constitutional debate of the past year offered a spectacle of prolonged and often bitter debate from which compromise seemed impossible—only for differences to be settled and feuds forgiven with a suddenness baffling to the foreign observer.

The rigours of this debate have fundamentally altered the voting patterns of the third House of Assembly, yet the seating arrangements denote party allegiances as if they were unchanged since 1972 when the National Coalition took office.

The coalition is composed of three parties together with a handful of independent members of whom the new Governor General, Sir John Guise, is the most notable. When the coalition was formed the Pangu Party, led by Mr Michael Somare, held 24 of the 100 seats in Parliament. The Peoples' Progress Party, led by the Finance Minister, Mr Julius Chan, contributed 12 seats and the New Guinea National Party, drawn entirely from Highlanders disenchanted with the United Party opposition, also offered 12.

The United Party, which won 40 seats in the 1972 elections, draws most of its support from the Highlands. Evenly distributed throughout the four parties are nine expatriate members including the Speaker, the Minister for National Resources, the Government Whip and the shadow ministers for finance, transport and civil aviation and public works.

So far as ideology bears upon politics, the Pangu Party, branded radical in its nationalism in the previous House, has become centralist and moderate in power. The National Party provides the coalition's radical cutting edge, particularly through the Land Acquisition Act, brainchild of its leader, the Minister for Lands, Mr Thomas Kavali. He is empowered to expropriate plantations and fix terms of compensation at his own discretion.

The moderate (and its critics would say conservative) wing of the coalition is the People's Progress Party (PPP). Through party discipline and astute leadership it exercises an influence on the management of the economy out of all proportion to its numbers. In their concern to retain and attract foreign investors and to admit long-term expatriate residents as Papua New Guinean citizens at independence, PPP and the United Party are at one accord.

The United Party has additionally resisted early independence, reflecting the fears of Highland members that the nation will be dominated by coastal people, beneficiaries of two or three generations of formal education which the Highlanders lack. Among radical nationalists, both parties are charged with championing foreign capital interests.

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Democrat with talent for inspiring u

Mr Michael Thomas Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, is an instinctive democrat. He enjoys the exercise of power, exalts in his triumphs but is indifferent to the perks and trappings of office. It was typical of him that he rejected the mansion built for his use by the Australian Government on Tuaguba Hill, Port Moresby's diplomatic enclave, in favour of a modest bungalow in a suburb without social pretensions. He lives there still.

He is the "consensus" politician *par excellence*, determined to hold the middle ground, defusing potentially explosive situations by a show of infinite patience and reason. To those who have challenged him, whether regional groups bent on secession or the radical wing of his own coalition, he has responded by doing little beyond voicing his disapproval. Instead he has waited for them to overreach themselves, exposing the sham of their claims to popular support.

Among Papua New Guinean politicians he is that rare thing: a nationalist seeking to hold disparate regions together. He does not, like a number of his ministerial colleagues, trade on regional sensibilities to his own electoral advantage.



Mr. Somare: pragmatist with no use for doctrine.

He is a pragmatic politician with no use for doctrine.

His talent as a leader is to inspire affection, to hold people together. Among his peers no one is better qualified to lead the country to independence. Papua New Guinea and Australia are fortunate to have him to manage the difficult transition.

He was born in 1936, the first son of a traditional chief of a clan of the Sepik River district. His father, Ludwig, born during the German rule, was a police sergeant. Michael Somare's first years were spent in Rabaul, the capital of what was then the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, hundreds of miles from home.

When the Japanese took Rabaul in 1942 he was sent back to the Sepik to the care of an uncle. But the war followed and for a time his own district was occupied by Japanese troops. One of his childhood memories is starting school at that time. Each morning the class of village children would stand on the beach singing "The Rising Sun". To learn Japanese numerals they would trace them in the sand.

The war ended; the Australians returned and Somare completed his schooling. His application for the Suva Medical College was rejected. Instead he became a school teacher and later transferred to the Government-run district radio network as a journalist and brdadcast officer. His political education began when he worked for a short time as interpreter to the legislative council.

One of its members is now the Governor General, Sir John Guise. When the Australian administration introduced a discriminatory dual wage system, with one level for Australians and another for national public servants, reflecting what it was felt an independent Papua New Guinea could afford, Mr Somare demonstrated and against the d industrial arb ing.

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Where secession is a war of civil wo

Bougainville, a tiny copper-rich island lying some 300 miles east of the mainland, has formally seceded from Papua New Guinea and its leaders have renamed it the Republic of Northern Solomons. No foreign government has recognized its independence, however, and Mr Somare has categorically stated that the island remains a part of Papua New Guinea. Christopher Ashton, who attended the unilateral declaration in Arawa on September 1, reports on the likely outcome of the impasse.

The Melanesian way of secession should not be confused with the Biafran or Katangan version. It is a war of words, a battle for the hearts and minds of the villages through the mass media and open-air meetings, appeals to ties of blood and sentiment. Just as the central Government does not arrest secessionist leaders, so these leaders do not incite their followers to take control of government agencies, or offer alternative governments. Until recently, little has happened in either camp beyond the release of press statements—a choice of weapons that ultimately favours the central Government.

The only woman member of the House of Assembly, Miss Josephine Abaijah, is supported by a few thousand—at most some tens of thousands—of coastal Papuans in a population of 750,000 wanting a separate Papuan state. Legally until now, Papua has been an Australian territory and its people Australian citizens, while New Guinea has been a United Nations Trust Territory administered jointly with Papua since 1947. Politically, numerically and economically, New Guinea has dominated Papua, although coastal Papuans have tended to hold the senior military and public service positions.

The border between Papua and New Guinea, drawn in Berlin in 1884, has forged a sense of Papuan identity, however artificial it might seem to outsiders. Nevertheless, the Papuan separatist cause is doomed. Miss Abaijah does not offer a credible alternative. Here is an appeal only to the heart. Educated Papuans recognise it, however reluctantly, as impractical.

The Bougainville cause is another matter. Ethnically and geographically it is part of the British Solomon Islands, and it is endowed with a spectacularly profitable copper mine whose construction in the 1960s unleashed political and social disruptions which continue. It has articulate and determined leaders who proclaimed independence for Bougainville on September 1.

Day of traditional song and dance

At a gathering of more than 5,000 people in the market place of Arawa, the district headquarters, the flag of the Republic of Northern Solomons was duly raised. It was a day of traditional singing and dancing with hymns and prayers that suggested more a religious festival than a political rally. Central Government services continued as normal, despite the separatist appeal for a public holiday. It seemed a charade.

The secessionist cause is led by a priest, a former priest and a former seminarian—leaders who understandably see great store by the morality of their cause but have little interest in the details of establishing a credible alternative to the Papua New Guinean Government's public service. Their solution so far has been to demand that Port Moresby fund the inception of the new state.

By its vacillation the central Government has lost ground on Bougainville since notice of secession was given four months ago, and it has been characteristically permissive in its response to the challenge to its authority.

The secessionists have had full access to the government-run district radio. They continue to use funds and facilities supplied by the central Government to the now defunct provincial Government, and some of their leaders hold middle-level management positions with Bougainville Copper which they turn to advantage. Now the Bishop of Bougainville has pledged his support.

In an island of 100,000 people, of whom 75 per cent are Roman Catholic and where the church has been the dominant colonizing agency since th century, this is back for the So ment. If the can establish the legitimate the eyes of the leans, the P Guinean Gover have to come re them.

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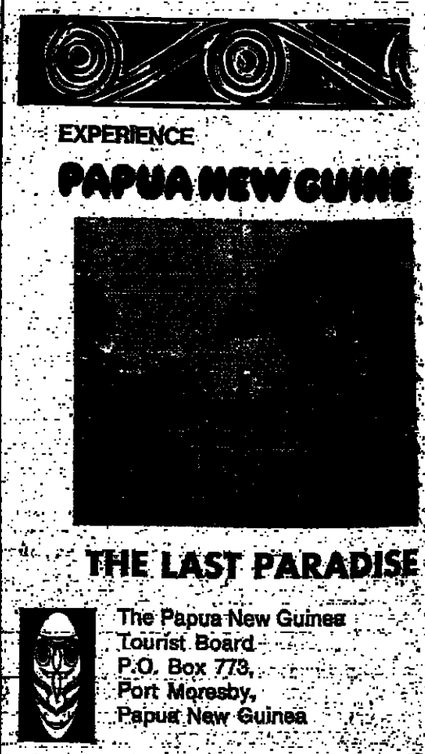


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Cash economy is a recent intruder

by Anthony Clunies Ross

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stralia has been the aid donor, apart from loans from international agencies, sundry help with surveys, consultancies and scholarships and recently a little project aid from New Zealand.

The cash economy is a fairly recent intruder in Melanesia. Most of the goods which can be obtained for cash still have to be bought from abroad and many of the productive services performed for cash still have largely to be performed by people borrowed from abroad. Until 1972 the external sources of money by means of which these goods and services had ultimately to be acquired consisted of government aid, mission aid, loans from abroad, investments by foreigners and a modest package of rural exports. The last of these earned consistently less a year than the amount of government aid.

Aid, therefore, has played a large part in providing health and education services which are high by, say, pre-independence East and Central African standards; substantial contributions to agricultural research and extension; and the beginning of a road system which, though far short of what is desired, has been necessarily costly because of the nature of the country.

It has also provided an elaborate style of administration compared with British colonial models, with a large bureaucracy heavily loaded until recently with high salaried Australians. The growth of aid in the 1960s made it possible to expand most government departments each year and removed the pressure to economize and to localize.

In 1972-74 the supposition of a continuing prosperity, fortified by implicit Australian assumptions and the intervention of Australian trade union advocates, raised the urban minimum wage three times and more than doubled it in real terms over less than three years.

It is an axiom with both sides in Australian politics that aid will continue after independence. Yet it was foreseeable that this parental relationship might easily become a source of ill-feeling.

In the expansive mood that was characteristic of the first two years of his Government, Mr Whitlam gave early in 1974 a commitment of $A500m in aid over three years from July, 1974, to June, 1977, a promise which, if interpreted in real terms at present Australian purchasing power, would probably have allowed a restrained continuance of existing standards.

Subsequently, however, his Government showed no disposition to interpret the promise in real terms and also said that it regarded as aid the payments, probably over K100m in the three years, that are made as compensation to Australians retired from the Papua New Guinea public service. These payments were specifically separated from the question of aid when they were instituted.

For the present financial year, the second of the three, at a time when low export prices have depressed internal revenue prospects, the Papua New Guinea Government is believed to have asked for a level of aid which would have brought the money total for the two years to less than two thirds of the promised $A500m.

Nevertheless, the Australians offered only about four fifths of what was required and then refused a request for more in a fashion that seemed designed to be humiliating. This has changed the pleasure of being looked after to the bitterness of unrequited begging.

More important, the decline in aid will pose a difficult choice: drastic cuts in government activity, draconian taxation, or a fall in barely adequate international reserves that would probably close off the more liberal economic options for the near future. Any of the three options, or a required combination of them, may release forces which will undermine the liberal political system and the patiently permissive political style which are the special contribution of Mr Johnson, the last colonial Administrator, and Mr Somare.

Can a nation be independent in a real sense while being so dependent on aid from one source? Paradoxically, the answer is "yes", if independence is taken in the relative and qualified sense in which alone it can be applied realistically to a small nation.

There are hazards in relying on Australian aid; there are hangovers from having been an Australian colony. Yet, since Australia effectively ended colonial rule in 1972, there is no doubt that policy has been determined within the country. Though one Australian minister responsible for Papua New Guinea affairs declared in 1973 for "project aid", which could have meant that Australia tied up nearly half the Papua New Guinea budget, the officials concerned were sensible enough to define "project aid" out of existence.

"Self-reliance" is a stated national goal and as an idea has much appeal. Some intellectuals favour dropping all foreign aid and investment, a course which would reduce the monetary-sector economy and paid employment to small fractions of their present levels, and it is true that most people could still survive without cash earnings on what their families produce.

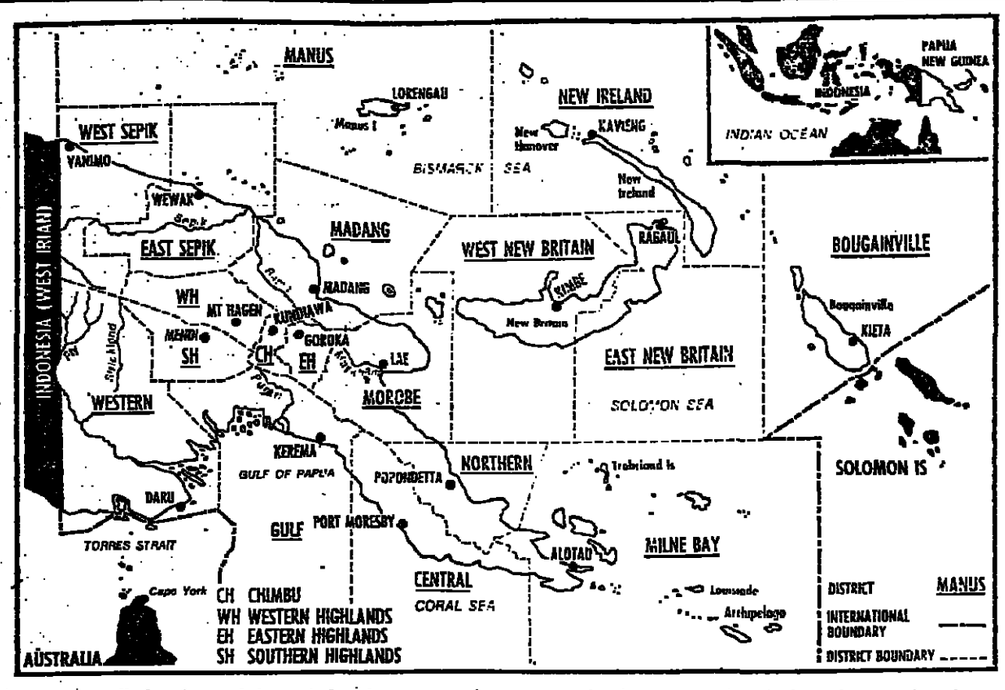
But politicians, even those who are in principle traditionalist, anti-foreign and anti-capitalist, still want more, not less, construction and services for their districts; and the Government does not possess enough power or moral influence to produce a creative response to general deprivation. Hence this particular path to self-reliance will be praised but untrodden unless a far less responsive political system emerges or unless the outside world enforces it. Necessity will probably continue to outrun choice over increasing taxes and pruning the bureaucracy. There is, however, another possible path to a kind of self-reliance through natural resource-based investments.

The mine on Bougainville transformed the interchanging economic picture during building and after production began in early 1972. At once the value of all other exports was dwarfed by that of copper and gold concentrates. A huge negative balance of trade in goods and services disappeared in 1972-73 and changed to a large positive balance in the boom year 1973-74.

Revenue from the mine has also been sizable. The Government in 1974 negotiated with the mining company a tax regime much more favourable to the nation and, by means of a stabilization fund, reduced the disturbing effect of copper price fluctuations on the public finances.

It is likely that, given official support, several more really large metals, fuel, and power-based projects will be producing by the early 1980s. The political and social effects are frightening but they may not be more so than the prospect of perpetual recession and desperate expedients brought about by decreasing Australian generosity.

It is unlikely that any combination of these projects now in view could with comfort replace the whole of Australian aid by 1985, but from about 1980 they might begin to make substantial reductions in aid consistent with a growing economy.



Better terms for investors

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negotiating new foreign ment the Government's record is less impressive. Prospective investors complained of frequent changes of personnel and the terms set out by government negotiating teams, of inordinate delays, of unrealistic demands and a lack of coordination between departments.

To monitor investment guidelines, coordinate its departments in negotiations and to regulate existing foreign businesses, the Government nine months ago established a statutory body, the National Investment and Development Authority (NIDA).

Its first six months were given to hammering out regulations for existing businesses. Diversification, changes of ownership and certain kinds of foreign exchange transactions require ministerial approval through NIDA. The 4,700 foreign businesses were required to furnish NIDA with details of their business activities as the basis of future registration. That will be done on an industry by industry basis as the Government's attitude to what is required of each sector crystallizes.

A national investment priority schedule was published in April listing industries in which the country seeks investors, and lists others reserved for Papua New Guineans. Periodically it will be reviewed and expanded in its detail of Papua New Guinea's investment needs.

NIDA says the labyrinthine hazards which investors faced in their dealings with the Government are now a thing of the past. As evidence of the new dawn it points to $15m worth of investment concluded in the past three months, including an $8m timber logging and processing complex in southeast Papua, funded by a Hongkong based consortium. It points to other projects in the pipeline—a $4m flour mill, a $30m cement factory, fishing processing plants and huge new timber projects—amounting in all to $430m worth of investment which it hopes to finalize by Christmas. An investment promotion mission will visit Europe early next year. NIDA is anxious to diversify sources of investment from the present Australian-Japanese hegemony.

Last month's reduction of the Australian aid grant for 1975-76, part of the Whitlam Government's savage pruning of its own budget to heal a sick economy, has abruptly brought home the need to develop other sources of revenue.

Papua New Guinea's drawbacks are its workforce, costly and unproductive by Asian standards (the minimum urban wage is $25 a week) the lack of local managerial and technical skills, a corporate tax rate of 33½ per cent, together with a dividend withholding tax of 15 per cent, which, though not onerous, hardly gives the nation a competitive edge.

Its attraction is its natural resources. Through its porphyry copper deposits in the Star Mountains and the possibility of new industries created by cheap hydroelectric power of the Purari delta it can look forward to sources of revenue comparable with Bougainville: but not for 10 years.

In the meantime the foreign investor can reasonably expect the Government to stick by any deal it strikes. His concern will be rather whether it is able to preserve the peace and protect people and property—the riot by 1,000 mineworkers on Bougainville Copper's mine site in May did $500,000 worth of damage and closed the mine for six days—and whether the Government's word will hold sway in areas in which investment projects are established. In seeking foreign investment that will be the Government's central challenge.

Wontok is the old boy network

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Religion was focused on the ancestor spirits. They ordained the world of the living, their fortunes and misfortunes and their material wealth. Homage was paid in rite and incantation. The intrusion of the technology of the white man excited feelings of envy, admiration and shame and a determination to unlock the secret by which foreigners propitiated their ancestor spirits.

The outcome has been a succession of cargo cults: communal religious movements led by charlatans or confused visionaries who persuade their followers to destroy the old culture and demonstrate to the spirits their readiness to receive the new cargo by building some symbol of the white man's source, like a wharf or an airship. They wait for deliverance that never comes.

The hunger for development and access to everything that makes up the Australian lifestyle is sharp. It is seen in the shrill demands of backbenchers in the House of Assembly, where the Government is regarded as a cornucopia of everything their electorates need; in the passion for educating the young in the hope that they will become highly-paid white collar workers, and in the innocence with which businesses are established by villagers lacking any notion of book keeping or management.

This hunger is combined, paradoxically, with a resistance to any change in the traditional patterns of work and leisure, land usage and ownership, communal rights and obligations—the very impediments to the commercial wealth they so desire.

Today the towns, and particularly Port Moresby with its annual growth rate of 10 per cent, are the focal points for those who want access to the modern lifestyle. The urban drift means numbers of unemployed and unemployable, their dream of streets paved with gold betrayed; squatter settlements on vacant land and a livelihood eked from the charity of *wontoks* with jobs or by preying on the homes of the affluent, both black and white, so that their houses are barred and guarded as if under seige.

At the apex of the new society is the black middle class. It numbers some thousands of men and women, most in their twenties and thirties, elevated by the political imperative for rapid localization to positions of power which their Australian predecessors could normally expect after 20 years' service.

They are part of a global middle class. Their concerns are with housing, promotions, salaries, postings, education of their children and paying off their Mazdas and Datsuns. With almost slavish fidelity their amusements are modelled on those of their Australian mentors: a passion for all kinds of sport (including the outcome of the Ashes) and a ferocious thirst for beer.

The vulnerability of the black middle class, beneficiaries of the good fortune of being born into a particular generation, is most acute in the police force. The average age of national police superintendents is 28. The Police Commissioner is 30. Impeded by a judicial system which fails them for their lack of rudimentary legal training, coupled with the inexperience and immaturity of commissioned and non-commissioned officers they can do little either to deter delinquent gangs in urban areas or check the resurgence of tribal fighting in the highlands.

Government services there are now cut back through the refusal of many coastal public servants to work there. The preoccupation of Papua New Guineans with material affluence will possibly yield in the future to a concern with the Government's capacity to preserve the civil peace and to protect people and property.

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Must the public forever pay for the power and glory of our army of bureaucrats?

Britain is being bled by bureaucracies. The bureaucratic attitude starts from the view that we are not all round human beings. We only exist to play a role. The important step therefore is to acquire the appropriate diploma and join the appropriate profession, big company, trade union, or branch of the civil service. If you won't do this, then you must be starved into submission.

You will be forbidden to use any skill you possess, however talented you may be. You will be forbidden to take employment, and if you dare to become self-employed you will be taxed and harried until you give up. The closed shop is the first victory for the bureaucratic attitude.

Next, you must look to your profession, trade union, or civil service ladder for promotion. You may strike when ordered, but do not break ranks and attempt to get on by yourself. You must only progress as one of a herd.

As well as salaries getting progressively larger in monetary terms, whether justified or not, the bureaucrat particularly favours perks and payments in kind. Not only do these absolve him from the inroads of taxation, they are a powerful defence against originality and they clamp their recipients into the system.

The natural bureaucrat is indeed rather grieved if he has to spend his own money. He likes the regulation black car with the regulation chauffeur, the subsidized canteen, the free conference, the free entertainment and travel, and he does not expect to pay the going rate for a mortgage.

Senior bureaucrats tend to be avid for prestige, from the office furnishings to the mammoth salary. They are also greedy for power, and it is the combination of the appetites for power and money that makes them so dangerous.

In the bureaucrat's eye, you must resist any natural expression of democracy or originality. That planning has in many respects been disastrous is no reason for stopping it. It has the inestimable advantage of providing jobs for bureaucrats, extending their empires and ensuring that life shall be severely clipped and everyone shall conform to the current bureaucratic fashions. That Mr Laker is prepared to provide cheap travel outside the bureaucracy of big business and the nationalized industries is a sound reason for stopping him. That no one except bureaucrats will ever fly in Concorde, at the taxpayer's expense is a good reason for building it. Prestige and power, as well as affluence, is the aim.

You must live cut off from those whose lives you run. You must insist on secrecy. And you must ensure that patronage of all sorts rests with the bureaucracy. When you retire, if you are a senior bureaucrat, not only must you receive a huge pension (to which if you are a civil servant you do not contribute), but you must be found a lucrative job as well.

The bureaucratic attitude goes far beyond the Civil Service. It pervades local government, the public authorities, the nationalized industries, many of the professions, and a great deal of big business. Indeed some public servants are not in any way bureaucratic.

I am not saying that we can do without bureaucrats. Good management needs a blend of democracy and bureaucracy. What I am saying is that the democratic element is too weak and the bureaucratic too strong at the moment.

The bureaucratic attitude is dominant among politicians and councillors. The flood of legislation and regulations poured out from Parliament to the detriment of production and the stimulation of inflation is its most obvious symptom. Indeed, the disease is at its most harmful among ministers,

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MPs, councillors, members of appointed bodies and so on. Yet these are the very people who are supposed to represent the ordinary people—the victims of bureaucratic government.

The bureaucratic attitude eagerly embraces technological determinism. It is immoral. The bureaucrat does not act from any belief about what is good, or from any view of the national interest or common good. He furthers the interest of his organ of government, his corporation, trade union or profession. The position which the civil and local government services have won for themselves is breathtaking—20 per cent increases in salary, inflation proof and non-contributory pensions, large tax-free terminal payments and so on.

I do not believe that you can run a democracy with a bureaucratic element swollen beyond a certain point. For one thing, bureaucracy is the antithesis of democracy. It is the bureaucratic element in communism that leads to the suppression of all freedom. Apart from being by its nature anti-democratic, the bureaucratic attitude leads to those diseases which destroy freedom—inflation and inefficiency. For to my mind there is a connexion between efficiency and democracy. If people feel that they are misgoverned but can do nothing about it, if they see the resources they create constantly wasted or used to support an oligarchy, they will give up the democratic struggle.

The bureaucrats cannot produce wealth that is wanted and create it economically. You have only to study the nationalized industries to see that. But the inefficiency of the bureaucrats is probably not as serious as their refusal even to admit mistakes and their disastrous effects on originality and standards.

Considering the success of Orwell, of Leavis, of Graham Greene and in some different ways of Evelyn Waugh, Mary Quant, the painters and sculptors of the fifties and sixties, and of many democratic socialists from Bernard Shaw onwards, it was reasonable to hope that we had been warned against bureaucracy. Ten or more years ago there seemed to be an insurrection against bigger meaning better, against over centralization, against drab uniformity. Alas, it seems to have gone the way of the Hungarian revolution. Even the collapse of such bureaucratic institutions as British Leyland and the Post Office only seems to have extended the bureaucratic empire. More bureaucratic legislation has been passed through Parliament in the past few years than ever before. The vicious downward spiral is obvious. The bureaucratic machines squeeze private productive industry until it is unprofitable. They can then take it over. The "mixed" economy is becoming a myth.

There can only be one end. That end is a highly inefficient socialist state in which freedom and originality are suppressed. The cries to "protect" the British car industry (which the unions and the "bigger means better empires" boys have brought to such a pass), will be followed by a clamp on anyone leaving the country. For will not all their education and training have been paid for by a state which has suppressed independent centres of education? And is not "elitism"—except within the bureaucracies—the ultimate sin?

Is this what the British want? I do not mean what they say they want. Of course, they will deny that they want it, but is it in fact what the actions or inactions of a large majority must inevitably lead to? Recently, I would have said certainly not. I believed that the revolt to which I have referred had exposed the hollow inhumanity of fashionable thinking. I believed that the onset of bureaucracy was merely a modern manifestation of the age-old lust for power and wealth. Do not the Kremlins of the bureaucracy—the headquarters of the Ministry of the Environment, for instance—obviously descend from the grim mediaeval castles beneath which the serfs cowered? And would not the serfs from time to time carry out a successful revolt as they always have? Only today I believed, foolishly, that education and affluence made it easier to strike off the chains for good. I found the apparent desire for participation and the move to get together on a community level encouraging.

But I begin to wonder whether the trend has not gone too far. There is still some evidence that democracy and common sense, creativity and self-expression are fighting back. But there is a lot of evidence that bureaucracy is winning. Take the "sit-ins" in industry. It might be thought encouraging that workers are trying to take their destiny into their own hands. But is the motive not in many cases bureaucratic?

It is the refusal to look at the general interest. The refusal to change, the demand not for employment of some kind but for employment of the same kind; promotion on the same ladder; playing of the same role as always. If the "sitters-in" are guaranteed a big wage by a nationalized board appointed to take over the firm with taxpayers' money, will they assert their independence? I doubt it. As for community action, there is, I fear, disappointingly little desire to get together at the "grass roots". Protest, yes. Demands that someone else does something, yes.

Look at developments in political organizations and the press. Whatever justification there may be for the Exchequer financing political parties, it may well mean that they become bureaucracies. As the public does not want Concorde, or motor cars at the price and quality Leyland produce, the bureaucratic attitude demands that it is made to pay for them. It is to some extent the same story behind the demand for subsidies for political parties.

The printers and others, having extorted huge wages out of proprietors—some of whom were all too willing to tolerate bad management—find now that the public will not go on paying for the same number of newspapers at ever rising prices. Does this mean that printers and journalists will get less? Certainly not. The public must pay a subsidy.

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To be concluded.

Bailing out at Hatfield



Denis Compton: for the Marquess

Village cricket is supposed to be an immemorial part of the English summer landscape. The erratic fast bowler, off a run twice as long as Lillee's, shakes the ground like a jelly, as well as the pallid batsmen waiting in the pavilion. The run-stealers flicker to and fro, to and fro, shouting coarse criticisms at each other. Beer flows. Rain drips through the slips. Patient wives make tea. At least football does not go on for so long.

One of the oldest and most distinguished local cricket sides is going to have to leave the smartest cricket ground in all England at the end of next season. For two centuries and probably much longer the men of Hatfield have been playing the game in front of the spectacular if distracting sightscreen of the north front of Hatfield House, the Jacobean palace of the Cecils. Hatfield House and park at present attract about 100,000 visitors a year; and the cricket on the ancient lawn in front of the house has been advertised in the past as an additional attraction. However, if Hatfield House is to survive as an economic industry, it now needs to attract twice as many visitors.

Lord Salisbury and the managers of his estates have decided, sadly, that the traditionally violent cricket of Hatfield will imperil such large crowds, which have to approach the house down roads that act as boundaries and targets for the cricketers. They have asked the cricketers to take their bats and balls somewhere else by 1977, in order to make way for the anticipated influx of visitors.

This will bring to an end a tradition of cricket at Hatfield that has been going on for so long that the early records are lost in the bad light stopped play of Time. The scorebooks go back nearly two centuries, to the evolution of cricket from the primal ooze of more primitive ballgames.

Hatfield House was built by Robert Cecil, the second Cecil, the first Earl of Salisbury and James I's chief minister. Cecil employed as a tutor Giovanni Florio, the son of an Italian Protestant who had taken refuge in England. Florio published *World of Words*, which defines "gittare" as: "to make a noise like a cricket; to play cricket-a-wicket; to make merry".

The Italian may have used an idiosyncratic Mediterranean spelling, more like the noise the batsman makes when struck in the stomach by the village fast bowler than the stiff-upper-lipped, crisp monosyllable that evolved. But he seems to have grasped the rudiments of the game. His *Garden of Recreation* of 1591 shows much knowledge of all English games. If Cecil's tutor, an Italian, knew about cricket, it is not too great a leap into hypothesis to suppose that other members of that original Hatfield household knew and played the game on their spacious lawns.

However, the first statistical record of cricket at Hatfield that has survived dates from September 23, 1789, when two men of Hatfield played two picked men of Bedfordshire in front of Hatfield House at single wicket for a purse of 50 guineas. The score was: Hatfield 29, Bedfordshire 4; and there is an intrinsically probable tradition that the purse was put up by the 7th Earl of Salisbury. In the next year Hatfield cricketers are recorded playing the county of Hertfordshire. And by the nineteenth cent frequent records furious cricket House

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Race laws: When an Englishman's home is his club

The measures which the Home Secretary announced last week as the basis of a new Race Relations Act are generally admirable, as could have been deduced from the hostile reception they received from the *Daily Another Newspaper*, which appears to be strongly in favour of racial equality provided that it is not actually brought about. But there is one aspect of the White Paper that causes me disquiet, and it is to be found embedded in the intention to make unlawful racial and ethnic discrimination in membership of such private institutions as clubs.

This proposal does not disturb me simply because it invades the private domain. In any case, many of the workingmen's and Labour clubs that do practice a colour bar (it was clearly the recent upholding by the courts of their right to do so that prompted this particular measure) are not truly private institutions at all; the small print in the constitution of such clubs, wholly ignored until a black face is seen in the doorway, is certainly not enough to enable them to pretend to be a gathering of a few friends who meet from time to time to discuss bimetallism, Planck's Constant and the objective correlative, and their members have no more right to discriminate among potential customers on the basis of their private prejudices than has, say, a restaurateur or shopkeeper or anyone else who offers a service to the public in general.

Of course, there is a good deal of pure pleasure to be derived from seeing the Party of Brotherly Love insist on keeping the niggers in their place (it is very jolly to be reminded, from another part of the social and political forest, of those public schools which restrict the numbers of otherwise qualified Jewish children they accept and tell the most amazingly gaudy lies about their reasons for doing so) and even more from seeing the increasingly shifty explanations the clubs' spokesmen provide in explaining that in keeping blacks out they are not practising *racial discrimination at all and that* they would be equally ready to keep out a white man if, say, he was black all over. The late Percy Cudlipp put it charmingly when a group of West Bromwich busmen went on strike because an Indian had been engaged as a conductor.

> Hail the Brotherhood of Man!
> Whatsoe'er his creed or race!
> Hail the dusky Indian—
> In, of course, his native place.
> Working with me on a bus,
> Such a man is dangerous.
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> I am not one who'd defend
> Racial prejudice or hate.
> Indian, you are my friend!
> But you must not be my mate.
> Smash the colour bar? That's fine!
> Still, we've got to draw a line.
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> Each for all, and all for each!
> I believe in "Love thy neighbour".
> Comradeship is what I preach;
> I have always voted Labour.
> Workers of the world, unite!
> (Only if your skins are white.)

All the same, there is in the proposals a departure from previous practice which I find unacceptable, and I can best explain what it is that I object to by quoting the reason given by Mr Woodrow Wyatt (in his *Sunday Mirror* column) for accepting it. "The new rules", he writes, "do not mean that clubs have to admit people because they are coloured. They mean they cannot be stopped joining just because they are coloured."

And at that point I have to ask the plain and unpleasant question: why not? If (and of course only if) an institution is genuinely private, not offering a public service or enjoying publicly provided facilities, why should it not be treated in exactly the same way as are the members of it in their own homes?

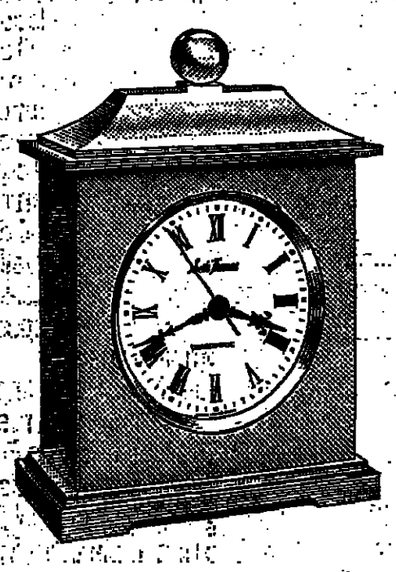
Many people and groups have rights in this area, but there is one right that is almost always forgotten, and even when remembered, never mentioned, and that is the right of people in a free society to behave like swine if they feel like it. I have often had to point out that it is not the admirable and popular citizen whose right to justice under the law needs constant strengthening and protection; it is the one shunned by all for his character and conduct, especially—not except but especially—when his character and conduct are genuinely loathsome and the shunning fully justified. And there is a very close analogy in the matter of racial and similar discrimination.

I take it (I could be mistaken) that nobody would deny the right of a man to refuse to invite into his own home a neighbour of a colour different from his own, and to say that the reason for his refusal had nothing to do with the neighbour's behaviour or personality, but was based solely on his racial origins. But if a man in his home has such a right, however little we may think of one who exercises it, ought not a group of men in a surrogate home to have it also, however little we may think of *them*? If the directorate of a private club were to announce that the club did not accept Jews or blacks (or Arabs or whites, of course) because the members thought Jews or blacks (or Arabs or whites) were disgusting creatures and did not want to associate with them, no decent person of *any* racial or ethnic group would wish to join such an institution; but for the life of me I cannot see why such behaviour should be against the law. Yet it is going to be if the new measures are enacted, and I find the implications disturbing because the proposal goes some way towards the point at which what goes on inside a man's head may become a matter for regulation by law, too.

I offer no comfort, let alone support, to those who deploy the nastiest and most craven of all objections to legislation designed to end discrimination: that is, the argument that since law cannot make us love one another it ought not to interfere in such matters at all. No law, actual or conceivable, can oblige an innkeeper to take pleasure in the presence of coloured people on his premises; but the law can and should and does insist that he must not refuse to serve them on the ground of their colour. But when he is in his own home he has no public duty, and may, provided he avoids incitement and similar behaviour, act on the basis of his prejudices. I think that the same principle should apply when he is in his club, and that the Government should look again at this particular proposal, so that when it comes to be drafted as legislation it catches clubs which are not genuinely private, but lets through those which are. I hope that the press and broadcasting organizations would continue to draw pointed attention to those private institutions which exercise racial discrimination simply because they are legally entitled to, and I hope that such institutions would be shunned by those who do not share their members' attitudes. But I think the law should be very careful of where it puts its feet. Even the wicked have a right to their corns.

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The Times Diary

Inflation: is the message getting across?

So that we all may be fully aware of the trouble that we are in, the Government is issuing to every household in the land a copy of the 14-page booklet *Attack on Inflation: A Policy For Survival*, containing a signed message, with photograph, from the Prime Minister, and a step-by-step guide to the evil of inflation and the proposed solution. Alan Hamilton went to Islington to discover if the message was getting across. He reports:

Of 31 people I asked, 13 admitted to having seen the booklet, 15 were fairly sure they had not seen it, and three were uncertain whether they had seen it or not.

The Government department responsible said that large areas of north London had still not received their copies, but would be doing so by the end of this week. Nearly 22 million copies will eventually be distributed at a cost of £850,000.

Of those who had received a copy, only five had actually read it and two managed to muster a kind word for its clear and unvarnished statement of the national predicament. But nobody thought that it would do much good, and not one of the 31 passers-by was prepared to take any responsibility for inflation.

A partner in a fruit and vegetable shop said: "I don't put up my prices just because I feel like it, yet the shopkeeper gets a lot of the blame for inflation. Telling ordinary people to stop inflation is a bit of a waste of time; it's not them that cause it."

A graphic design student who lived at home said his parents had received a booklet, which he had read. "It sets out the situation quite well, but inflation is something that Governments create, though they will never admit it. They always look for someone else to blame—Arabs, unions, anybody—when the real culprit is themselves. It wouldn't have surprised me if they'd given away a fiver with every copy."

Several housewives said that a copy of the booklet reposed at home, but they had not read it. One had stuck it on the mantelpiece with a pile of soap coupons, others vaguely recalled throwing it out with the newspapers.

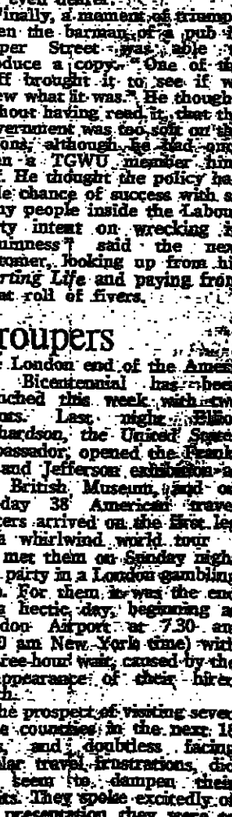
A building worker tore himself away from the feature pages of *The Guardian* long enough to state that he had not seen a copy, that he lived in digs, that he had never been unemployed for longer than a week despite the seasonal nature of his trade, and that the cure for inflation was tougher price control. Questions on his earnings were not welcomed.

A woman pensioner in an expensive-looking fur coat and carpet slippers looked at my copy quizzically and said she had not seen one before. "Inflation, dear? What can I do about it? It's time they put the pension up every three months." The principal cause of inflation, she thought, was Arabs.

A sales representative had also read the booklet, but was not impressed. "The worst offenders at inflation are the local council, putting up the rates by so much; that has been my biggest single increased cost in the past eighteen months. And what about all those town hall people who doubled their salaries just because their council got a new name?"

A housewife, emerging from a butcher's shop, thought that prices were levelling off slightly; she had not seen the booklet but thought her husband might have thrown it away. Inflation, she said, had forced her family of three to holiday in Devon this year instead of Spain. She wished they had gone to Spain, Devon proving even dearer.

Finally, a moment of triumph when the barman of a pub in Upper Street was able to produce a copy. "One of the staff brought it to see if we knew what it was." He thought, without having read it, that the Government was too soft on the unions, although he had once been a TGWU member himself. He thought the policy had little chance of success with so many people inside the Labour Party intent on wrecking it. "Guinness" said the next customer, looking up from his *Sporting Life* and paying from a fat roll of fivers.



Today's sign was photographed by M. D. de B. C. Persse, whose brother spotted it near their home in Queensland, Australia. Where else?

Troupers

The London end of the American Bicentennial has been launched this week with two events. Last night Elliot Richardson, the United States ambassador, opened the Franklin and Jefferson exhibition at the British Museum, and on Sunday 38 American travel writers arrived on the first leg of a whirlwind world tour.

I met them on Sunday night at a party in a London gambling club. For them it was the end of a hectic day, beginning at London Airport at 7.30 am (2.30 am New York time) with a three-hour wait, caused by the disappearance of their hired coach.

The prospect of visiting seven more countries in the next 18 days, and doubtless facing similar travel frustrations, did not seem to dampen their spirits. They spoke excitedly of the presentation they were to make the next day to British reporters.

This took place at their hotel, and involved each of them being introduced in turn with a big sign round his or her neck announcing the particular field of expertise they wanted to talk about. The man representing Alaska wore a fur-lined parka, one dealing with the Western states wore a dude's stetson and bandana, and the man specializing in youth travel wore a humorous T-shirt.

"We have been up since eight o'clock this morning rehearsing", said one, "but we are only writers—not professional actors. We did think of doing the presentation in a *Laugh-In* format, but some of us don't know any funny stories and we have people from the Government along to keep an eye on us, and they thought the dignity of the Union should be preserved."

Lies

Telling untruths to the House of Commons is something which Ministers have in the past regretted and I have caught John Gilbert, the Minister of Transport, doing just that.



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a Special Report

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by Kenneth Owen

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During the exploration phase the need is for a flex- ible, shared-time service for contact with coast station radio terminals as appro- priate. A low-capacity cir- cuit is normally adequate to meet the telephone and telex requirememns and there is no call for high-speed data or telemetry.

Since 1965 the Post Office has been meeting the need by strengthening its high- frequency coast radio station network. New facilities have recently been provided at the North Devon coast radio station near Ilfracombe, which is designed to aid the search for oil in the Celtic Sea.

Using frequencies in the high-frequency maritime band, it will provide up to 15 rigs in the Celtic Sea with a teleprinter link apiece to their shore offices in Britain. The rigs will also have access over a common radio-tele- phone link to the world-wide public telephone service.

As with previous services, the radio-teleprinter system will use the Marconi Auto- spec error-correcting tech- nique, which is designed to ensure reliable radio commu- nication in all but the worst conditions of fading and interference.

For the production phase the need is for a permanent link providing a much greater capacity. Typically, the equivalent of up to 24 telephone channels might be required to handle the greater amount of telephone, telex and high-speed data traffic.

Possible additional capa- city to serve other platforms must be included in the sys- tem planning. Since tele- phone calls from production platforms may be connected into national and inter- national public networks and since the data and telemetry circuits need high reliability, high-quality circuits are essential.

The main technique which has been adopted to connect the production platforms with shore terminals is an over-the-horizon methods of radio transmission known as tropospheric scatter.

BP and Phillips have intro- duced their own private on- shore-off-shore tropospheric systems and the Post Office has built two new stations, one in Shetland and one near Aberdeen, to serve as the on-shore terminals for future tropospheric links to the various production platforms.

The Post Office expects that by the beginning of next month the two stations will be ready to commission their tropospheric systems. Standard tariff for uses is £120,000 a year with value- added tax extra for a 12-channel group, subject to an inflation clause which is reviewed each year.

After the first two tropo- spheric systems (each "system" consisting of a link from an on-shore termi- nal to two main off-shore terminals) the Post Office has identified two more which will be needed. Then one new system a year for the next 10 years could be introduced, if necessary.

The Post Office is main- taining overall control of the "public" offshore commu- nications systems. Mormond Hill, Aberdeenshire, will be the operating centre for the control, manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Scousburgh in Shetland will operate as a "slave" station to Mormond Hill.

While the Post Office is responsible for the onshore end of the North Sea tropo- spheric links, the corpora- tion says it would not seek to be directly involved off- shore. That has led to some uncertainty over the role of Energy Communications Ltd (ECL), an off-shore com- munications systems com- pany formed jointly last October by Cable and Wire- less and International Aeradio.

ECL is bidding to provide the off-shore end of the com- munications links on a "corporate" basis, supplying in- dividual users with the num- ber of channels they require. A spokesman for the Post Office's North Sea Task Force said last month that the corporation had wel- comed the formation of ECL and had recommended the company to all the operators in the North Sea.

"That is still the policy", he said, "but the Post Office agreements with cus- tomers make it clear that the customer is the person responsible at the off-shore end. There is no require- ment to appoint an agent."

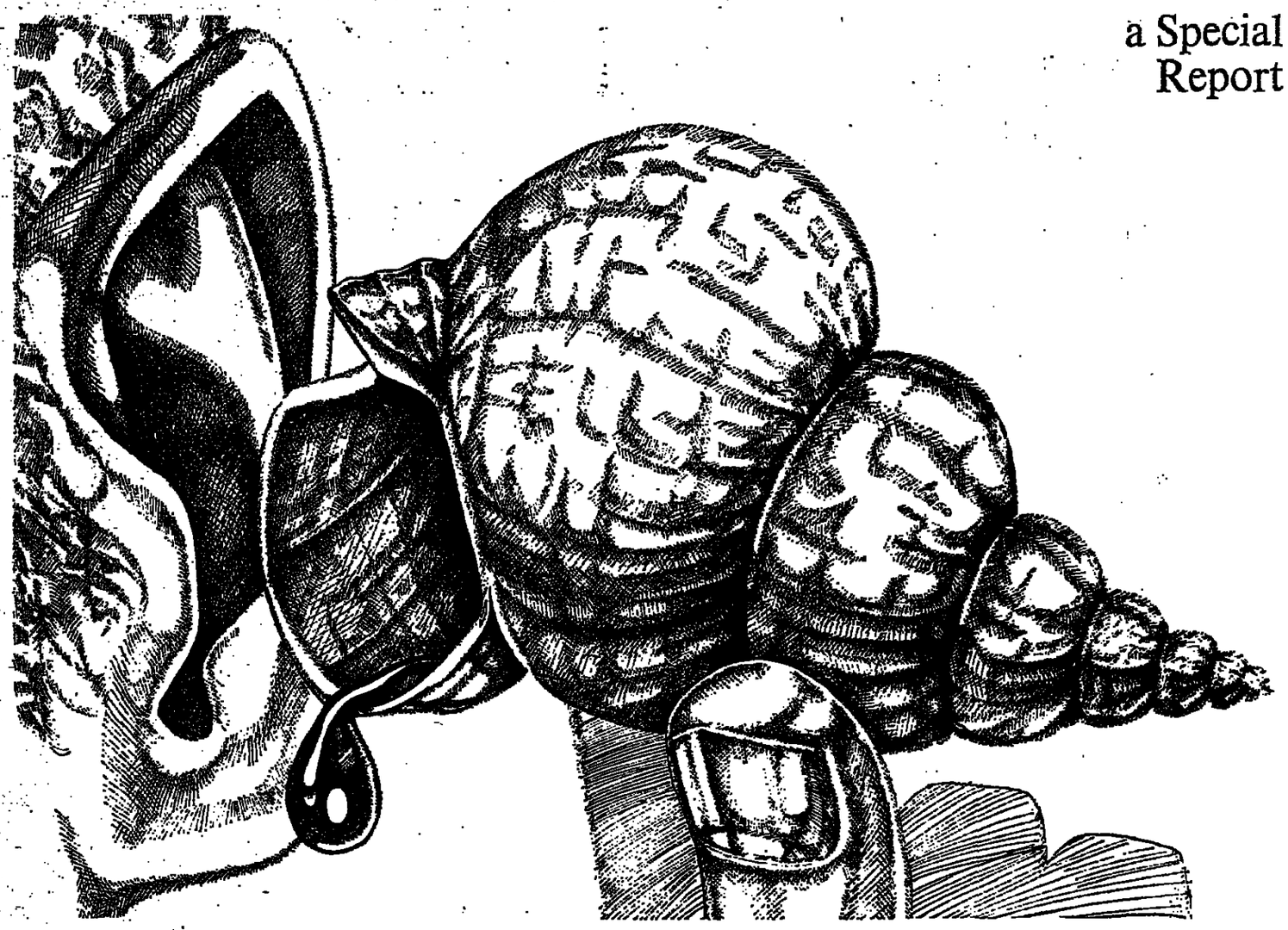
The spokesman went on to deny suggestions which had been made that the corpora- tion was "conniving at a monopoly" for ECL. But he added: "The Post Office view generally would be to have the minimum number of (communications) opera- tors offshore and, ideally, one".

For the future it is possible that a number of common offshore services could be developed—for meteorologi- cal and air traffic control use, for example—which would use some of the tropo- spheric capacity. Indeed, possible future alternatives to the tropospheric scatter technique—undersea cables and communication satellites, in particular—have been dis- cussed.

Cables, it is suggested, would in general be expen- sive, vulnerable and inflex- ible. They would need to be duplicated; to run them alongside pipelines would be inadvisable.

Satellites in geo-stationary orbit above the equator, on the other hand, could well have a role to play in on- shore-off-shore communica- tions—but only when the total volume of traffic grows to a level which would justify the high initial cost.

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Gerry Greaves

Post Office adds bounce to the radio business

by a Special Correspondent

The Post Office is soon to open two special radio sta- tions, one in the north-east of Scotland and the other in Shetland, to cater for the rapidly-growing needs of the North Sea oil and gas industry.

The stations will employ a communication technique never before used by the Post Office, known as trans- horizon radio — which "bounces" microwave sig- nals back to earth off the troposphere. But this is only the latest stage in the 10- year history of Post Office involvement in providing communications for North Sea exploration and produc- tion.

Since 1965 the Maritime Services Division of the Post Office's External Telecom- munications Executive has been progressively providing specialized radio facilities at coast radio stations for exclu- sive use of the exploration companies and pipe-laying vessels—all interconnected with the national inland telecommunications net- works.

At first extra radio tele- phone facilities were pro- vided at Humber Coast radio station for rigs working in the gas areas off East Anglia together with private tele- printer radio circuits for in- dividual rigs permanently connected to the inland national network and termi- nating at the customer's chosen off-shore teleprinter location.

Similar facilities have been provided at Cullercoats and Stonehaven radio stations to accommodate exploratory work farther north along the continental shelf into waters east and north-east of Aber- deen.

Two years ago Norwick radio was opened in the northern Shetland Islands for remote operation from Wick coast radio, 200 miles away on the mainland. The new station is being equipped for 40 radio teleprinter cir- cuits for the northern North Sea areas and also for the Atlantic approaches to the west of Scotland. Exclusive teleprinter and telephone circuits are being provided for drilling rigs.

Off-shore exploration and development has been accompanied by considerable growth in demand for mari- time communications from work boats, supply ships, pipe-laying barges and an- cillary craft. Extra facilities for this traffic have been provided at Stonehaven and Wick.

The accompanying on-shore activity has called for vigor- ous and unorthodox measures on the part of the Aberdeen Telephone Area's oil projects team. In a situation where —as happened recently—a pipe-laying firm went from green-field site to production in 57 days, speed is para- mount in meeting the needs of shore bases and suppliers.

The oil projects team, set up in 1971, collects and evaluates information about the likely primary and secondary developments of the oil and gas industry on- shore, and sets in motion the necessary planning or execu- tion of work to meet ex- pected demand. The diffi- culty has been obtaining firm details and overcoming com- mercial secrecy about the pace, scale and location of projected developments and deciding which of the numer- ous planning consent appli- cations will result in actual projects.

To date the Scottish Tele- communications Board has been conspicuously successful in juggling equipment and exchanges, existing and im- minent, to meet the rapid growth in demand for tele- phones throughout Scotland and the unusual and often sudden demands of the new industry.

The postal business, too, is involved in oil and gas exploration needs. Three main oil and gas centres have recently been linked by a special Datapost system—a speedy door-to-door delivery service for business.

Important packets are carried between Great Yar- mouth and Aberdeen and Peterhead the same day or, in some cases, overnight. This is the first time Data- post has provided on-demand facilities, as normally the service operates on a con- tractual basis.

But the most exciting de- velopment has been the pro- vision of communications systems for the burgeoning production areas bordering the continental shelf—well out of sight of land at dis- tances ranging from about 100 to 200 miles.

The gas fields off East Anglia, which are now supplying a sizable propor- tion of the United Kingdom industrial and domestic gas requirements, are within range of line-of-sight radio using conventional vhf/shf relay systems.

So as to reach the far- flung fields over the horizon, the Post Office is to use a trans-horizon radio system which relies upon tropo- spheric scatter for its opera- tion. High-power microwave radio signals and beamed into the troposphere and scattered by atmospheric turbulence, permitting small but usable signals to reach receiving antennae on selected master platforms.

The signals can then be redirected by conventional line-of-sight radio relay to other platforms in the neigh- bourhood, if necessary. The Post Office system will be the first in Europe to link in with the national and international telecommunica- tions networks and will meet a comprehensive range of customers' requirements.

Planning and providing these arrangements was a big task with a demanding timetable. Many parts of the telecommunication busi- ness have been involved, led by a special North Sea task force set up within the External Telecommunications Executive. As a result of months of careful planning it is confidently expected that this year will see the open- ing of trans-horizon radio stations in Shetland and near Fraserburgh, which will be the main item of the Post Office's plan for North Sea communications systems.

Service will start this year to the deep-water platform now positioned in the Mobil Beryl and Occidental Piper fields and during next year to Total Frigg gas field and the mid-pipeline Manifold platforms when these are installed in position. The Beryl and Frigg platforms and the Piper and Manifold platforms will be linked by line-of-sight radio systems for alternate routing of the trans-horizon radio paths from the Post Office land stations. The Shetland station will communicate alternately to Mobil Beryl platform or to Total Frigg platform in weekly rotation with the operating off-shore terminal relaying circuits to the other company's plat- form.

Automatic changeover of the trans-horizon radio path in the event of system de- gradation is aimed to ensure full service availability. The North-east Scotland station will communicate alternately to Occidental Piper platform or to Total Manifold plat- form on a similar basis.

To achieve a minimum of 99.98 per cent service avail- ability on the trans-horizon links the Post Office is to use quadruple diversity— effectively a method of send- ing the same signal by four independent paths and con- tinuously choosing the best one arriving at the receiv- ing terminal.

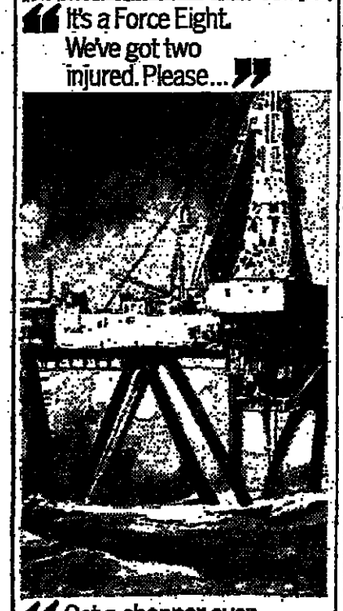
The North Sea trans- horizon radio systems, as planned, will have 72 tele- phone channels but this may be increased to 132 channels in some cases if needed. The shore terminals will connect into the United Kingdom public networks to provide company circuits for com- munications by telephone, teleprinter and high-speed data/telemetry transmission.

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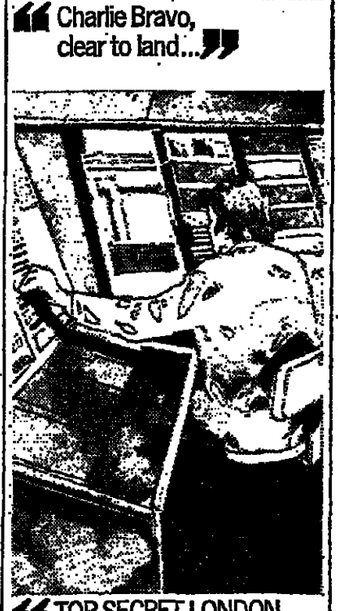
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Getting the message in a treacherous environment

by Adrian T. Beatty

The North Sea is a violent and lonely place where storms and sea-fogs can imperil surface navigation and make air access impossible. Yet, paradoxically, the North Sea is at the same time overcrowded.

The messages of half a dozen seafaring nations to their own and other vessels, the signals of innumerable aircraft, compete with the normal traffic of commercial information and private message-passing, to make this one of the busiest communications crossroads in the world.

Into this unique environment the North Sea oil companies have injected an additional complication—the platforms. Each has the communications demands of a busy production plant, the catering and private needs of a fair-sized village, the navigational needs of a ship or an airstrip. Then there are the special contingency requirements of being isolated 100 miles from shore in a sea with a reputation for violence.

To meet these demands the oil companies in the North Sea have special requirements. They need constant access to communications channels through which messages can be passed instantly, without delay or interruption, by day or night.

Because a crisis can blow up in a moment every second's delay can be costly—even catastrophic. So the need is for exclusive channels, continuously accessible, which must be protected by a fail-safe system.

Operationally, the company may require a link for person-to-person discussion of business, for ordering equipment and supplies, for crew to keep in touch with family and friends; data handling facilities for high-speed transmission of production information and flow data; automatic pipeline telemetry to operate remote or unattended controls; facsimile transmission for progress reports and other documentation.

Local PBX facilities would be needed on the platform itself; links to satellite platforms in or out of sight; possibly telex for automatic print-out of directives and complex message passing to and from shore installations.

Sea makes demands

Many of these may need to be linked with national and international systems. All of which is normal and familiar. What is neither normal nor familiar is the context—working at sea, and working in the North Sea in particular.

Working at sea means that alternatives are restricted. If the weather cuts up rough a situation can arise when no helicopter or surface vessel can reach the platform, and mists can preclude visual message-passing.

The sea makes additional demands even when it is behaving itself. An oil platform is, for all practical purposes, an island; yet it must comply with a vessel's navigational requirements. Not only that, but a platform possesses aircraft landing facilities, which means it must comply with international regulations for ground-to-air communications and with other aircraft dispatch points.

In the North Sea the matter is further complicated by communication congestion. First, what form is the chosen channel of communications to take? Undersea cable would normally be the first option, but for the fairly short distances involved in the North Sea it would be too costly—and cables would be especially vulnerable in these shallow but heavily fished waters.

In such a situation, the traditional policy whereby each company builds and operates its own communications system no longer makes practical sense.

There seem likely to be some 15 oil companies operating in the North Sea area, with provisional plans for some 60 platforms between them. If each company were to insist on operating its own communications system, this could mean 25 to 30 independent systems, each of which would need somehow to be backed up by a stand-by system.

Given the availability of radio frequencies, this would be technically feasible—but it would be unrealistically costly by any standards. No single system would be operating at anything approaching capacity. Maintenance, repair and servicing facilities would be disproportionately costly, and duplication would occur to an absurd extent.

The alternative is, of course, to share. This would involve sharing the overall structure which comprises those channels, together with the appropriate terminal equipment and associated switching, handling and linking devices.

Benefits would be substantial

With each company leasing only such part of this system to meet its requirements, the benefits would be substantial. To start, the savings would be considerable. First, a shared system involves no purchase of equipment; the service is leased, and paid for by regular instalments, thus reducing capital investment to a minimum and greatly reducing pressure on cash-flow.

Negotiations with main communications carriers and other authorities are effected *en bloc* by the operating company, with consequent reductions in time and expense and a possibility of obtaining more favourable terms and additional channels can be added as required.

In addition, staffing becomes the operating company's headache, so no special personnel need be on the oil company's payroll. Similarly with maintenance; the operating company will be responsible for storing spares, keeping staff available for routine service and maintenance as well as emergency repairs. A larger, more highly skilled team could be made available than any single company would feel justified investing in.

So far, all the advantages are clearly with the shared system. But can the oil company be guaranteed constant availability and instant access to its channels? Can it be confident that it will enjoy total and inviolable security?

Indeed yes—in both cases. Channels are leased on an exclusive basis; in fact one company need not even know the identity of other companies sharing the facilities. Furthermore, a leased scheme provides the flexibility of a made-to-measure system; each company's package is made up to individual requirements.

To provide a service of this calibre calls for an operating company possessing a high degree of specialized knowledge as well as field experience with the oil industry and its specialized needs. Communications accounts for only 2 pe cost of the ro in an oil pla that 2 per ce maining 98 p jeopardy. T communicatio in its most va

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Reflection solves range problem

by Kenneth Owen

Platforms and other offshore locations which may be 200 or 300km from the coast are well beyond the range of conventional line-of-sight microwave telecommunication. Some form of "over the horizon" communication is needed and, in the absence of cable or satellite systems, wideband radio links using the tropospheric scatter method are believed to be the only feasible solution at present.

Transmissions from a tropo terminal are concentrated in a very narrow beam (typically about one degree wide) which travels in a straight path rather like a beam of light. In conventional microwave systems the transmitter and the receiving aerial can "see" each other—that is, the link is direct along the lines of sight between the two aerials.

Transmitted beam is scattered

In tropospheric scatter systems, by contrast, the link is indirect.

The transmitted beam can in effect be regarded as being reflected from the troposphere (the lower part of the atmosphere) down to the receiving station.

But the process is not simply one of reflection. What happens is that the transmitted beam is scattered forward in many directions because of differences of refractive index in air layers in the troposphere and the turbulence caused by wind, convection currents and solar effects.

When diffraction occurs in a part of the troposphere which is visible to both the transmitting and the receiving aerials, the radio energy which is scattered in the direction of the receiving aerial provides the second part of the radio link.

The volume of the troposphere which is visible to both aerials is known as the scatter volume. In many of the North Sea tropo links the scatter volume lies about a kilometre above sea level, giving a scatter angle (the angle between the transmitter beam and the receiver beam) of only about one degree.

If the technique were used with only a single transmitter and a single receiver the transmitted signals would be subject to fading at the receiver (such is the "dispersed" form of the propagation) for a small part of the time. In other words, a reliable standard of performance could not be obtained.

Some form of multiple transmission is therefore needed. Typically it can be achieved by using multiple aerials, different signal polarizations, or different transmission angles. In theory, transmissions of different frequencies could also be used; in practice, that is not permitted in the North Sea.

Combinations of the above techniques are used to give diversity. Since it is statistically extremely rare for the fading over these various paths to coincide, the composite result is an acceptable signal strength.

Varying capacity in channels

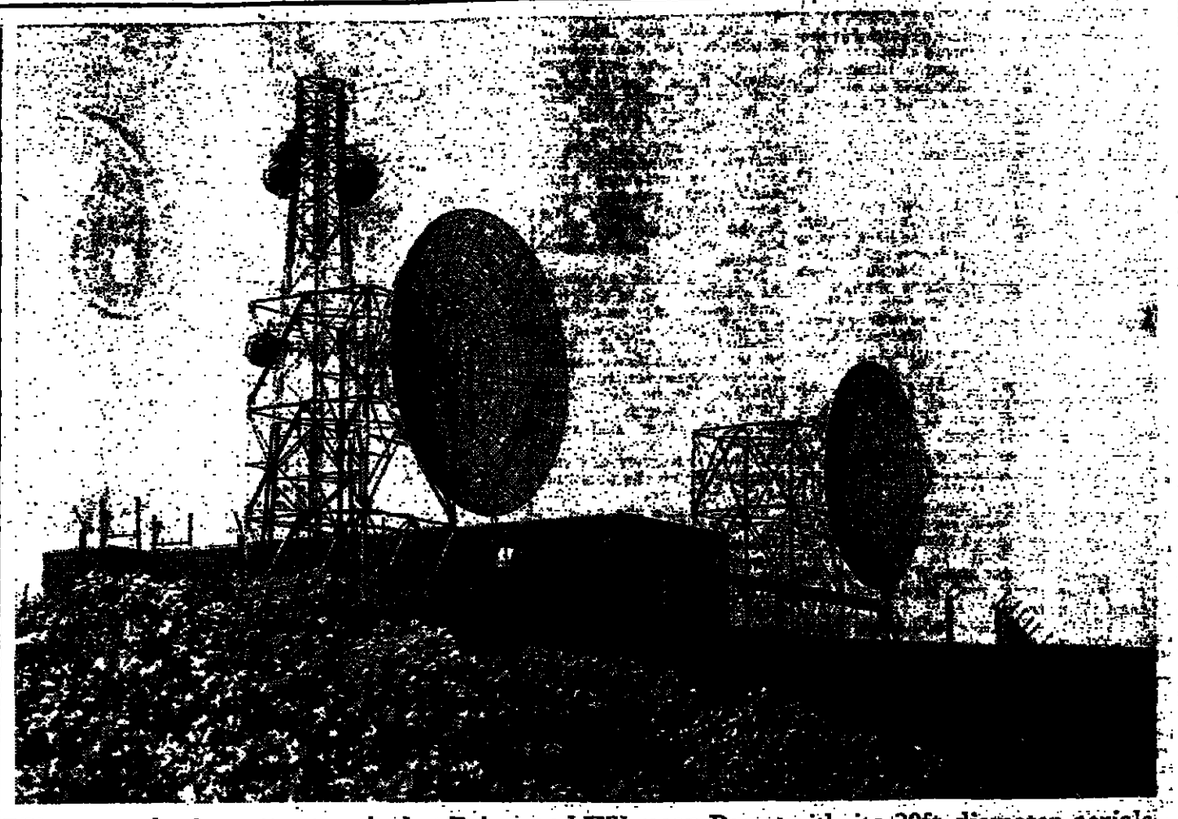
Tropospheric scatter systems can vary in capacity from 12 to 132 channels. Offshore systems are often designed for an initial capacity of 24 channels, rising ultimately to 72 or 120 channels.

The starting point for the design of tropo systems is a consideration of both environmental and operational factors. Environmental factors include path distance, site altitudes, scatter angle and climatic region. Among the operational factors are frequency band availability, performance and system availability, traffic capacity and the degree of control and supervisory requirement.

Next the basic design units are selected. These include equipment frequency; dual or quadruple diversity arrangements; transmitter power (10kW, 1kW or less); receiver type (basic, or with front-end low-noise amplifiers such as parametric amplifiers); special improvement techniques; selection of aerial systems from 15ft to 120ft diameter; multiplex equipment; and systems for supervision, monitoring, fault determination and control.

For civil communications generally tropo systems providing a 99.9 per cent performance over a distance of about 300km are often proposed. Typically they could consist of a quadruple-diversity (space and frequency) 1kW amplifier system, with parametric amplifiers and using 30ft aerials at both ends.

For off-shore operations a typical link for the same distance would again feature quadruple diversity (but using space and polarization), 1kW amplifiers, and parametric amplifiers. It would need to use a special signal-improvement technique known as threshold extension because the off-shore terminal would have little height advantage; and would use a combination of 40ft aerial dishes on-shore and 15ft off-shore (the latter limited by considerations of platform design).



BP's tropospheric scatter terminal at Brimmond Hill, near Dyce, with its 30ft diameter aerials wards the Forties field many miles out to sea.

Links planned to give alternative routes

The first two tropospheric scatter communication systems to link North Sea platforms with on-shore terminals are both privately owned, with the respective oil companies acquiring and operating both the off-shore and on-shore ends of the links. Later systems involve Post Office on-shore terminals linked to the oil companies' platform terminals.

British Petroleum was the leader in the development with a 200km link between Brimmond Hill, Aberdeenshire, and two platforms in the Forties field.

The second system is for Phillips Petroleum. There the main 350km link is between a Teesside terminal and the company's Ekofisk complex. In addition, each of two pumping stations along the Ekofisk-Teesside pipeline have a tropo link to the nearer main terminal.

Surplus to help other operators

The main Phillips link will use 24 channels, although the system has an ultimate capacity of 72 channels. The surplus capacity may be used to provide communications for other operators in the Ekofisk area, by way of additional line-of-sight links to the Phillips off-shore terminal.

Both BP and Phillips ordered their tropospheric scatter systems from Marconi Communication Systems, a GEC-Marconi Electronics company. Marconi went on to gain orders for off-shore tropo terminals for four other oil companies, and for two Post Office shore terminals which will serve the links.

For Total Oil Marine two separate links are being carried out. One is from the Frigg field platforms to the Post Office station at Scousburgh in the Shetland Islands; the other is from an intermediate Frigg compressor station to the other Post Office terminal, which is located at Mormond Hill, Aberdeenshire.

For Occidental (Great Britain), the Piper Field is being linked to Mormond Hill. For Mobil (North Sea), the Beryl Field is being linked to Scousburgh. Those four links are regarded by the Post Office as two main systems. From Scousburgh the Post Office terminal will communicate alternately to either the Total Frigg platform or to the Mobil Beryl platform.

From Mormond Hill the terminal will communicate alternately to either the Total pipeline manifold or to the Occidental Piper platform. In each case the pair of off-shore terminals will be linked together by line-of-sight radio in order to carry through communication traffic to the other company's installation.

The order for Marconi equipment for the Scousburgh and Mormond Hill stations was announced by the Post Office last December, just after the corporation had signed contracts with the Total, Mobil and Occidental groups to provide world-wide telecommunication services for their deep-water production platforms.

It was to avoid the proliferation of individual systems for each platform that the Post Office selected the two shore-terminal sites. Between them they should be able to serve almost the entire British sector of the North Sea in that area, with Scousburgh serving stations planned for the Thistle, Cormorant, Ninian, Alwyn, Frigg and Beryl Fields; and Mormond Hill serving Frigg pipeline intermediate platforms and the Piper Field.

Wherever possible, the links are being planned in pairs to two off-shore platforms which are within line-of-sight range of each other. That gives the possibility of alternative routes, usually by switching equipment between two sets of aerials at the shore terminal. Other platforms near by will be served by spur line-of-sight links to the main platform terminals.

To allow direct connexion where required into Post Office inland telephone and telex networks the tropo links working to the Post Office shore stations are being designed to give a higher reliability than the private systems.

Microwave radio being supplied

Because of that and to accommodate possible future expansion in capacity to serve additional platforms, larger aerials are used. Typically, they would be 40ft to 60ft diameter for the shore terminals, and 20ft to 30ft on the off-shore platforms.

To carry the increasing traffic from the two tropo stations into Britain's telephone and telex networks, new microwave routes are being installed from Scousburgh by way of the Orkneys to Inverness, and from Mormond Hill to Aberdeen. GEC Telecommunications and Ferranti are supplying microwave radio equipment for these routes.

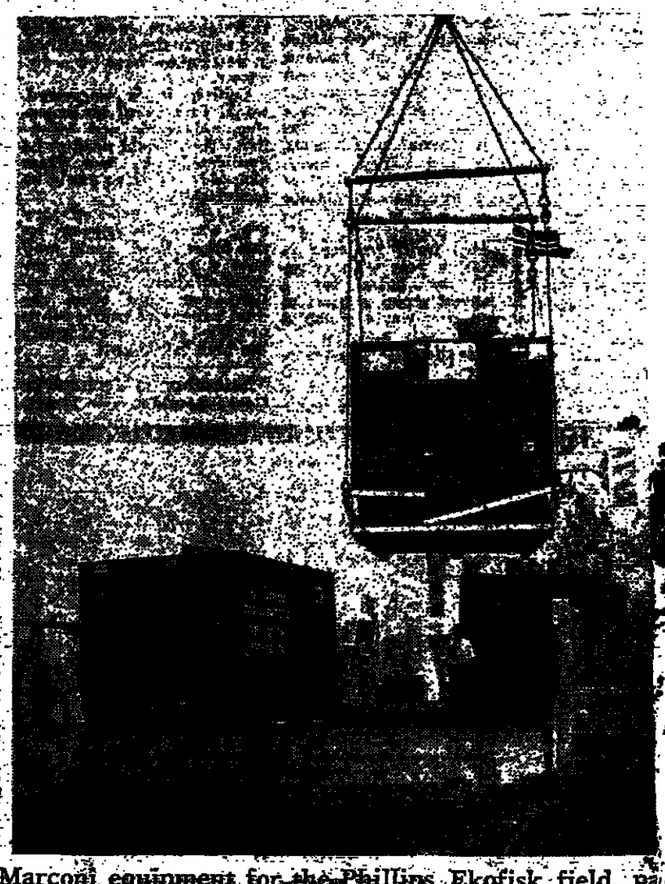
In the Sherland Islands the link will be extended north by cable to Lerwick. The Post Office is planning to extend it even farther, eventually to provide communications for the large oil terminal which is to be built near Sullom Voe in the northern part of the main island.

As an interim measure, the Post Office is installing a tropo-scatter link between Scousburgh and Mormond Hill (a distance of 766km).

In May an order for Marconi tropo equipment was placed by Taywood-Santa Fe on behalf of Burmah Oil Development, marked the planned introduction of a terminal (and more northerly) Post Office-linked system from Shetland to the Thistle Field.

The system is being designed by Burmah Engineering, acting as consultants and project managers for Burmah Oil Development. A satellite on-shore station adjacent to the main Scousburgh terminal will be used communicating with the Thistle platform about 225km to the north-east.

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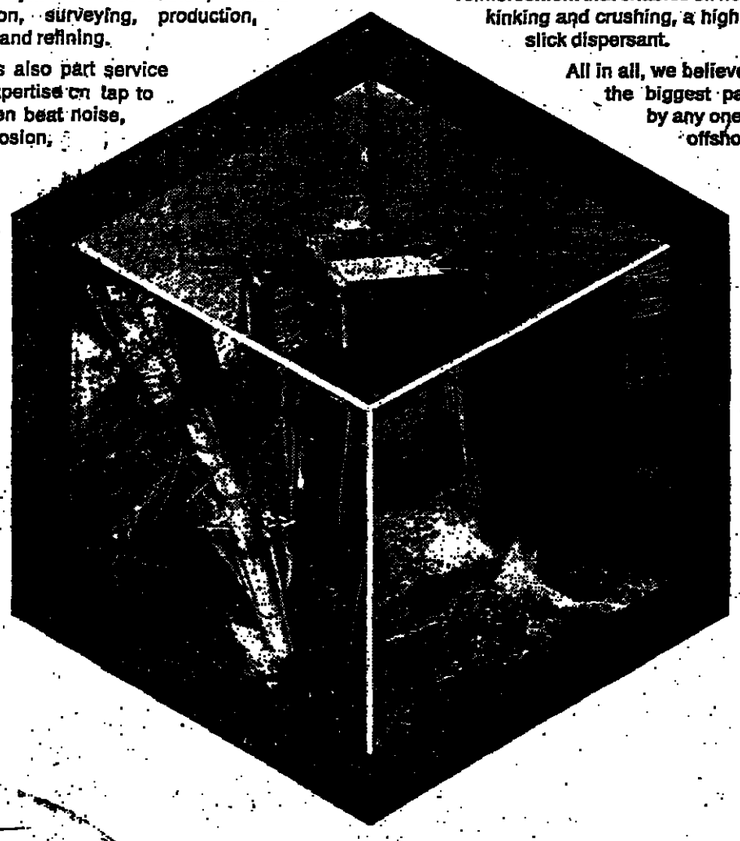
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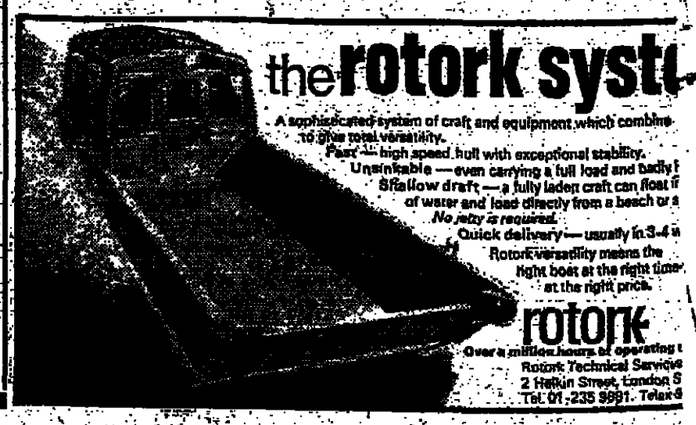
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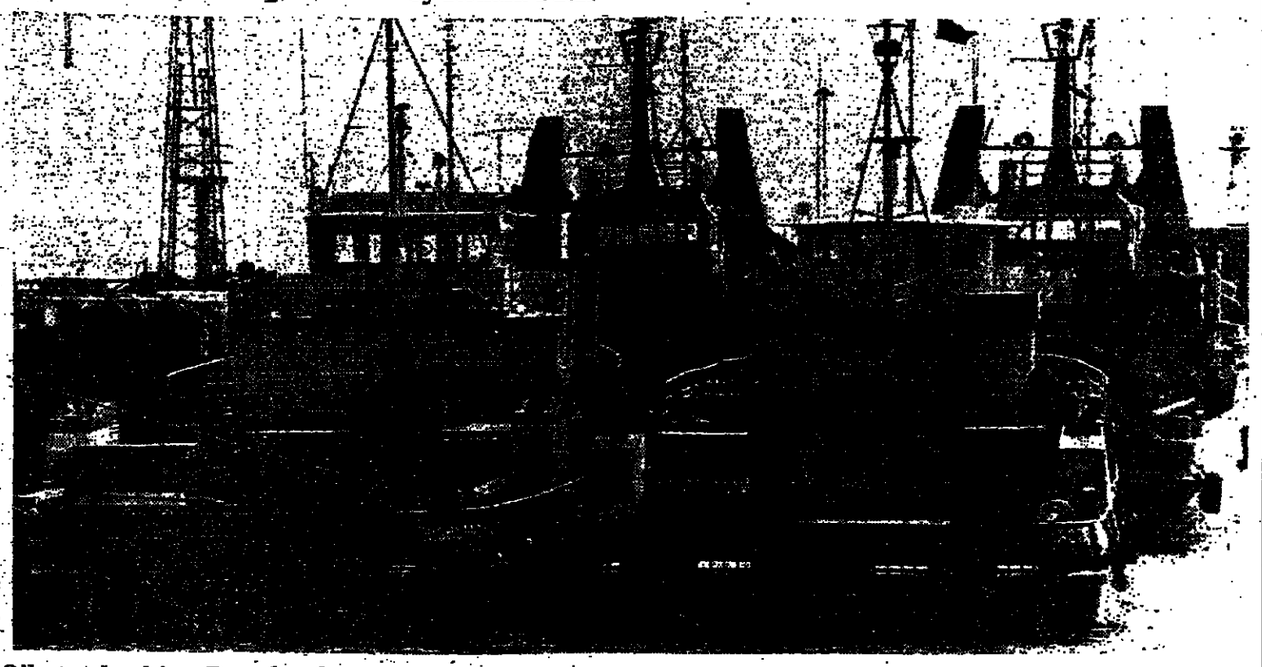
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Operators seeking new contracts complain that no new exploration rigs have moved into the North Sea in recent months and for some rigs already in the area there is no immediate prospect of more work when their current contracts are completed.

They also note that exploration tends to be concentrated off the mainland coast rather than in the deeper and more difficult waters east of Shetland. The Government has substantially reduced its forecast of the number of platforms which will be required in the North Sea, representing a direct cut in the number of potential customers. Technical improvements in drilling operations allow one production platform to cover a wider area of a particular field, which again reduces the total demand for platforms.

In all, the helicopter companies forecast of a 10 per cent growth in aircraft use has been changed over the past few months into a much less optimistic figure. One company believes that far from increasing, the demand will fall by about 10 per cent which raises fears about the future work load shared between present operators and those which may yet be licensed.

There are four companies which have been licensed to operate for the oil industry in the North Sea: Bristow, British Airways, North Scottish Helicopters and British Executive Air Services. An application by McAlpine Aviation is being considered by the Civil Aviation Authority and it is perhaps a significant indication of an uncertain market that BEAS has still to take up its option on an operational licence.

With investments of £23m by some companies to service the North Sea oil industry, the number of operators allowed by the Civil Aviation Authority could crucially affect future commercial success. Some operators believe the levelling off in demand by the oil companies has already started and that the contraction which will inevitably follow, when activity becomes chiefly concerned with oil production, could come at least two years ahead of earlier forecasts.

They argue that if that is correct then any increase in the number of aircraft available at the East Coast bases could lead to a mutually damaging price war. "In fact it would be extremely damaging. You don't write off £1m aircraft after just a few years of service", one executive remarked.

At sea there is also some uncertainty about the future. About 300 supply boats are operating on the North Sea in the spell of good weather. The majority are conventional supply ships, the brisk snail-shaped vessels now commonly seen plying between the East Coast ports and the long spine of oil fields 100 to 150 miles away.

Viewing winter with concern

There are also about 30 anchor-handling vessels and tugs and about the same number of pipe carriers, all operating at peak activity but viewing the next winter with some concern. It could be bleaker than usual for the supply vessel owners, some of whom complain that the competition for contracts is reducing profits to little more than the cost of operation.

The advantage which British companies once had has been eaten away by inflation and they compete on level terms with Norwegian operators. The market is reported to be uneasy and made more difficult with the arrival of the latest generation of supply boats, powerful vessels designed to serve the big, deep-water rigs which have been delayed partly by the decline in the exploration programme. "It has been very good until now but when you have too many boats chasing too few contracts it is not good. The investment is too high for that situation" an operator said.

The landward result of the oil boom has already brought sharp changes to ports traditionally dominated by the fishing industry but now quite clearly a haven for the oil industry's support ships.

Peterhead is experiencing a change of scene in its Bay of Refuge which is radically altering the entire economic balance of the area and last year the Aberdeen Harbour Board announced new record levels of income and trade. But Mr R. J. C. Fleming, the chairman, after presenting the good news gave warning of the possibly bad longer-term effects of a high rate of inflation and high taxation. Aberdeen's total port revenue rose to £12.1m, an increase on the year of almost £500,000. The net surplus was £656,875 but after taxation it fell to £261,163.

Since 1972 about £12m has been invested in improvements to the harbour and in associated projects in the port area by both the harbour board and private industry. Traditional trade in fishing and general cargo remained as important as ever but the catalyst for the expansion had been the search for oil and gas in the North Sea. The tonnage of oil vessels using Aberdeen almost doubled last year and produced £449,388 in revenue for the port.

Oil was undoubtedly sheltering Aberdeen from the full rigours of outside storms. But even with the traffic generated by oil, the board remained uncertain about how any public port authority could build up reserves adequate to keep installations and methods up to date when inflation, and Corporation tax at a crippling 52 per cent, were conspiring against them.

Those who go to the sea in helicopters and ships, together with those who provide the essential services on shore, are anxious to see a reasonable rerurn on invested capital. What is eating into the confidence of many companies is whether the net results of inflation will be to turn even "reasonable" terms demanded by the Government into an unreasonable loss.

Debate over cable continues

by Malcolm Butler

The choice of either undersea telephone cable or radio communication links between the mainland and offshore structures has been discussed at length. As far as the North Sea oil fields are concerned, the decision at the moment is in favour of radio. However, the debate appears to be far from over.

Cable offers several advantages over radio: indeed the large capacity undersea telephone cable systems that provide hundreds or thousands of telephone circuits between continents offer much more capacity than is required. Consequently, such large systems would be too costly for linking oil or gas production platforms, small islands or other man-made offshore structures with the mainland.

Radio has thus appeared to be the most effective communication link. Recently, however, small capacity systems have been developed specifically intended for areas like the offshore oil fields. They can handle up to 12 simultaneous two-way conversations. Off-shore structures can be linked directly to the mainland or a number of production platforms can be linked together. But, while costs have been greatly reduced, they are still not as low as for radio communication links.

Nevertheless, the advantages of cable over radio still make it a contender for an off-shore communications system. Quality of transmission, reliability and security are valid reasons for using a cable system.

Its voice quality is indistinguishable from a normal land-based system and circuits can be connected directly with the public telephone network. Its power requirements are small—typically about 40 watts—and the terminal equipment requires little space.

For permanent or semi-permanent structures at sea, radio communications links can pose difficulties. Not all transmission techniques are suitable. For instance, with microwave unless the aerials have a clear path between them, without obstructions such as buildings, hills or, in the case of the North Sea production platforms, the horizon, the system cannot work successfully. The Forties oil field for instance is 110 miles from the nearest land.

To overcome that, a system of radio transmission that can be picked up from over the horizon has to be used. Normal high frequency HF radio techniques appear to be inadequate in quality and capacity.

Voice communication needs to be free from fading, distortion and interference. At times, HF radio can be completely blacked out by atmospheric conditions and sunspot activity. Its bandwidth limits the number of channels available and in the North Sea—which looks as if it is going to become more and more congested—it is unlikely that HF radio will be able to cope with the expected communications traffic.

It is unlikely that HF radio will be completely discounted, however. For providing communications between mobile exploration ries and land, the quality of HF radio links and their reliability is probably acceptable. Coupled with normal maritime communications equipment, links with the mainland and other vessels would be safe and adequate.

But in the case of permanent oil or gas production platforms, there remain only two alternative radio systems that are actively being used. The Norwegians have chosen available Intelsar circuits leased from the owners and the British Post Office has opted for the tropospheric scatter system.

The latter operates by beaming the signal over the horizon and into the troposphere where it is picked up by a radio beam from the receiver and energy is transferred from one to the other. Although refined to a high degree, the system is still not free of interference.

Both satellite and tropospheric scatter radio links require complex aerial systems, not only on land but also out at sea on the production platforms. While the 15ft diameter aerials are accessible, they can also be vulnerable.

Vulnerability and susceptibility to damage is a charge laid against the undersea cable system. Although it is true to say it has no antenna or large space requirement for the transmission equipment and is easily serviced, the seabed activities of both man and nature can cut communications. In the North Sea that is probably more true than in many other places.

However, such hazards can be overemphasized. That may be illustrated by the fact that there is an international undersea telephone cable in the vicinity running from Aberdeen to Bergen which has been in operation for 20 years. It has had only six faults in the British sector during that time, because of fishing vessel activity.

It is reasonable to expect that as off-shore activities in the North Sea progress, and experience is acquired, cables will be more easily repaired. For example, the proposed Loran C navigation system coverage of the British Isles should speed the location of cables. The use of submersibles, too, which have been developed primarily for the off-shore oil industry, are already making a valuable contribution to the burying of cables for added protection.

As pipelines and other underwater equipment become more commonplace in the North Sea, it is reasonable to expect that there will have to be more stringent restrictions on fishing vessels in the area. Undersea telephone cables would benefit from such protection as well.

Although based on the technology of undersea telephone cable systems which has been evolving since the 1950s, and telegraph cables since the mid-nineteenth century, the lower capacity of the off-shore system has allowed it to be simplified.

The cable part of the system, laid by ship on the seabed, is standard undersea telephone cable. In rough undersea terrain or where tides may cause chaffing, it can be covered in a steel sheath. For shallow water near the shore, extra steel protection can also be added. However, the system does not have the undersea electronic amplifiers spliced every few miles along its length that larger capacity systems must have. It can run for a maximum length of 130 nautical miles.

Cable also helps to avoid overcrowding of the radio frequency spectrum. In addition, unlike radio transmissions, an undersea telephone cable system has a very high security factor.

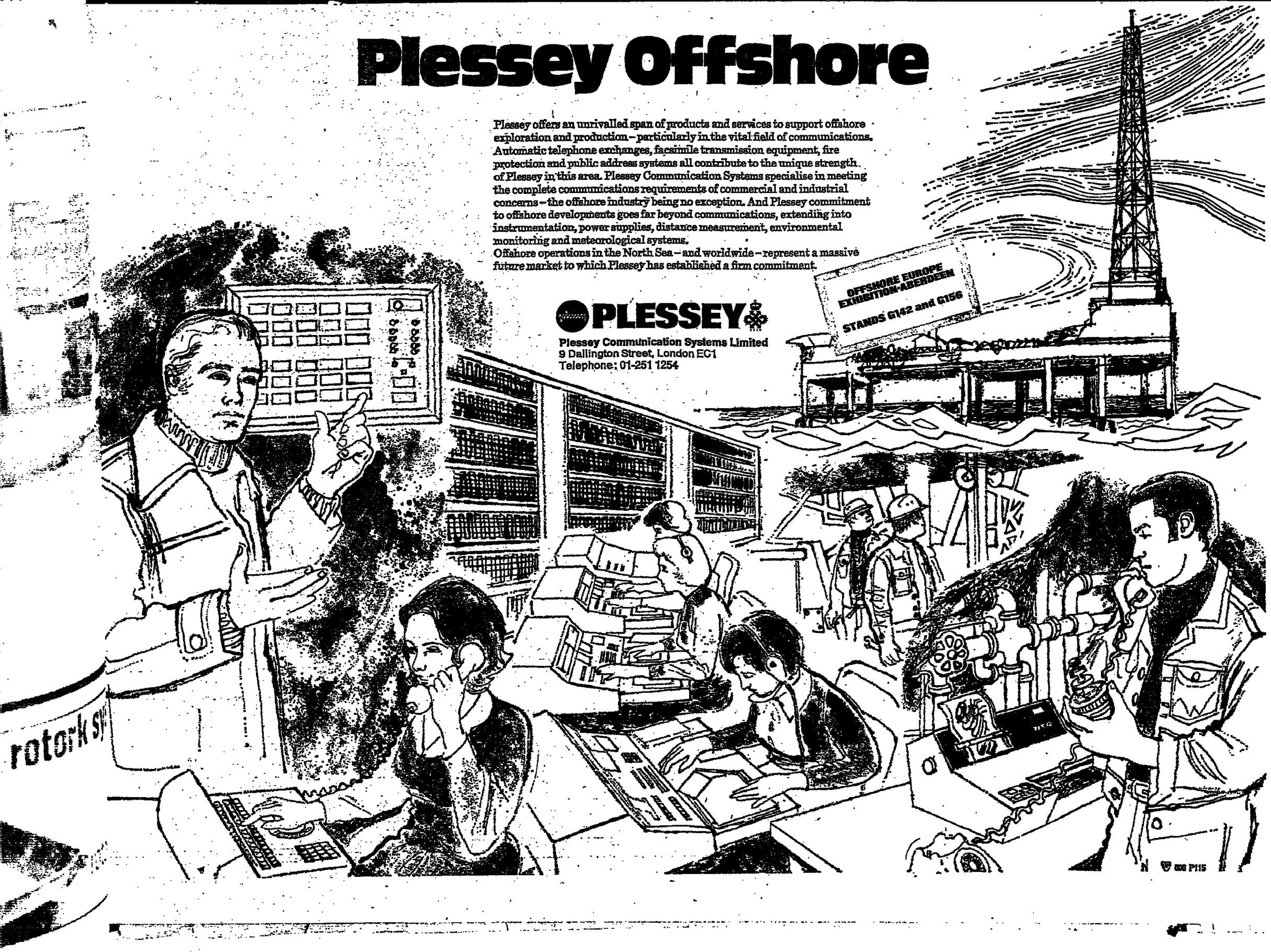
With safety regulations becoming understandably more strict, it is possible that cable links between the land and off-shore production platforms are becoming more likely. Just as national telecommunications administrations are doubling and in some cases trebling their methods of communications between two points, off-shore operators may be required to do the same.

Certainly greater diversity of communications systems gives greater protection against the risk of total black-out. In the case of off-shore activities, loss of contact with the mainland could be more than annoying; it could be extremely dangerous.

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Clear voices from the depths . . .

by Pearce Wright

A new emergency radio has been devised to meet the safety requirements of divers operating in the North Sea. The apparatus is an acoustic system to be attached to diving bells for transmitting messages between the surface and seabed.

The device has been developed by a research group for Underwater Instrumentation, a company specializing in equipment which has to withstand the harsh conditions of operating at sea.

The emergency radio works over a range of 3,000ft in "sea-state six" or 30 knot winds and 15ft waves. It incorporates a method of unscrambling the distorted speech coming from divers who are working in a helium atmosphere at certain depths. Removal of the characteristic gargling sound has been one of the main difficulties for all underwater diving activities.

The application of unscrambling to oil rig work, in this instance coupled to an acoustic transmission link, indicates the way those involved in exploration of new energy sources will adapt any available technique to speed exploitation.

Communication systems for oil companies have to be quick, reliable and rapid. Exploration for offshore oil has merely added a fresh dimension to a difficulty that evolved as the activities of the big companies spread across the world. International satellite links, for example, help tanker operators keep in touch with oil carriers in mid-ocean; and when economic or other conditions dictate that allows vessels to be redirected to different destinations.

Thus the very big oil corporations are probably as good as their communications networks. That encourages them to be early buyers of apparatus and ideas from the most technologically advanced service industries such as telecommunications and electronics. The situation in the North Sea provides a set of unusual conditions in which telephone, teleprinter and data-telemetry transmission are made between rigs and company offices.

Large dish aerials of up to 60ft in diameter are beginning to appear round coastal sites which give a suitable radio transmission sight to drilling and exploration platforms. So far they have been built for traditional ship-to-shore type radio links. But studies have been made to use a satellite network dedicated to communication for North Sea oil rigs. Whichever way the messages are relayed between platforms and the land, connexions have to be made to bring the traffic through the national and international networks of the official communication agencies.

The platforms between 100 and 200 miles off the north-east coast, located about halfway between Scotland and Norway, raise some acute technical difficulties that were not present in providing the communication channels for the platforms for producing gas almost within sight of land off the east coast.

Communications circuits for shipping have been overcrowded for a long time. North Sea oil rigs make the situation a lot worse because they transmit much more information than the average vessel. Hence the argument for installing for *the first time* in maritime radio work the system of trans-horizon radio, or for considering satellite operations that have proved so useful for ship navigation.

Signals sent by trans-horizon propagation are scattered by disturbances in the upper layers of the atmosphere: a small proportion of the information contained in the radio waves reaches the receiving aerials on oil rigs in enough strength to be translated into understandable messages. The reverse process applies in *sending from platforms* to land stations by this method.

That type of communications pathway operates at a radio frequency that allows a large mass of information to be packed into the link. Therefore one of the big difficulties of maritime communications—shortage of frequencies—can be overcome.

Linked into a network

The equivalent of some 72 telephone channels, with the possibility of increasing to 132 channels, is available with the new form of propagation. A large number of telephone and teleprinter machines can be linked into a network but, more important, so can apparatus for a variety of data transmission jobs.

Rapid transmission of data allows information to be fed into advanced computer systems for direct analysis. Warning systems on pipelines and the measurement of the amount of oil flowing through them are done that way.

Security of information is of great importance to the oil industry, so the ability to send messages in easily coded forms for both computer handling and for coded telephone and telex messages has great attractions.

In fact a special device for sending facsimile pictures by a scrambled system of transmission has been designed specifically for offshore operations. Seismic profiles showing the conditions and progress of exploration drilling, the most sensitive part of the work, can thus be dispatched safely at the quickest possible speed for the experts on land to monitor.

Satellite communication links have great appeal to some telecommunication specialists because it provides the ultimate in security. Tapping a link between an aerial on a platform and the satellite relay station is almost impossible. But by the same token, eavesdropping on a trans-horizon radio system would need a highly qualified individual to know how to set about the process.

Since this is the first application by the Post Office of the techniques, there are few such individuals, though the method is widely used overseas and by the military.

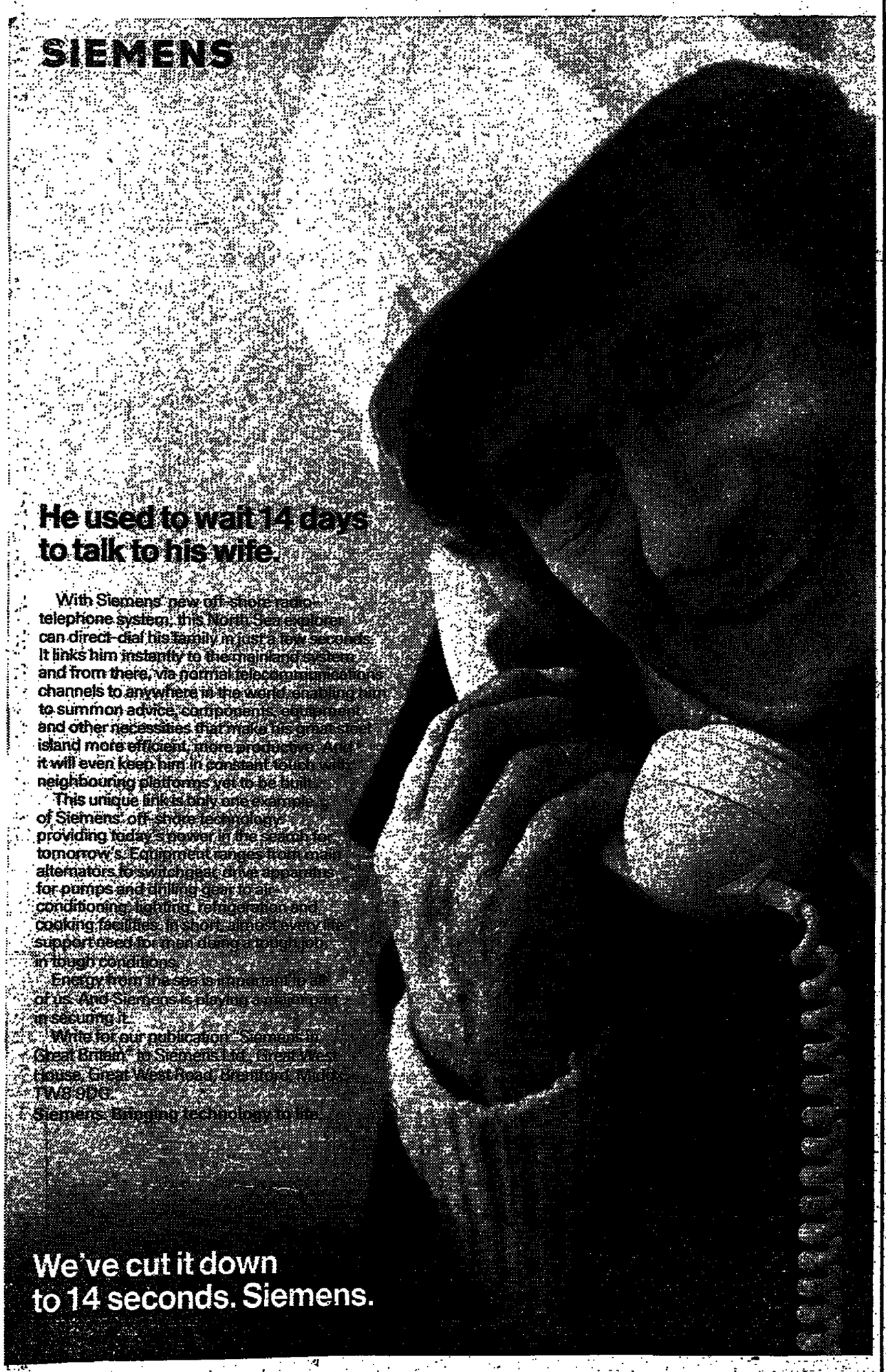
Once the new approach to radio propogation was adopted for the North Sea the way was open to use all the modern telecommunications equipment developed for the telephone network and for computer-controlled communications networks. The most important need in the North Sea is for experienced engineers and network designers who know how to combine all the apparatus to get the most efficient and reliable system.

In practice the most knowledgeable group on the subject is the special communications organization belonging to Burmah Oil which has designed nearly all the main links between platforms and the shore, and the inter-rig connexions. Once on land the Post Office experts take over to integrate the incoming traffic with the appropriate national or international telephone or teleprinter service.

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The lonely world of a production platform, where good communications with shore are difficult but vital.



. . . and from the sky

by Denise Clark

British Petroleum chalked up an impressive "first" when its tropospheric scatter installation started operating in April. The decision to install it was not taken lightly but the equipment has provided the vital voice communications and data transmission needed in the case of BP's Forties field. The basic requirement was to gather signals from a number of off-shore platforms situated about 176km off the Scottish coast, north of Aberdeen.

The distance was too great to use line-of-sight links and no intermediate repeater sites were available. In the past the conventional solution in such situations has been submarine cable or medium frequency radio, both of which were considered by BP but found unsatisfactory.

First, submarine cable was examined and the probable route was investigated. Because of the depth of water in some parts and the crossing of coastal shipping lanes and fishing grounds, it was felt that this solution would not provide the high reliability of transmission necessary and also, to guard against possible interruptions, it would be essential to lay two cables over different routes.

The idea was shelved since the cost of laying submarine cable would have been about £3,000 a kilometre and there was also difficulty in procuring at short notice the special ships necessary for cable repair.

In looking at any idea BP has had to take into account nor only the initial cost but also the cost and ease of repairs. The second conventional solution, that of medium or high frequency radio, was also rejected as it was not possible to obtain either private frequencies or provide adequate circuit capacity or reliability on existing services.

Those frequency bands which are already used by shipping and drilling rigs in the North Sea, are badly overcrowded and propagation is extremely variable between periods when signals cannot be received over fairly short distances and times of super-propagation when long-distance signals are received, causing interference.

It was therefore necessary for BP to look for an alternative which would allow reliable communications at an economic cost. Tropospheric scatter is a form of radio communication in the ultra high frequency (UHF) band which directs the signal, by use of parabolic reflectors (dishes), towards the horizon in the direction of the far terminal.

The theory behind tropospheric scatter is still a little hazy, but basically the signal does not travel direct to the receiver; it is bounced off the troposphere, a zone in the atmosphere about 3km to 5km up. Redirection of the signal results in a small amount being picked up by the aerial of the far terminal which is focused on the area in the troposphere that is a common line-of-sight for both transmission and reception aerials.

Radio transmission using the tropospheric scatter principle is widely employed throughout the world for defence purposes and is also used outside Britain to provide commercial telephone and television links over distances up to 500km.

The decision to use it was taken by BP after a full study of its possibilities and negotiations with the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications and the Post Office.

The discussions resulted in BP being given permission to engineer and install a private system in the 2.5 giga hertz (GHz) band. Since communications were required before the Post Office station at Mormond Hill would be completed, it had to be a private system.

Creating a private system of that size is no easy task. Communications often account for only a small part of a company's budget, which often results in hard bargaining over space, fitting the sprawling equipment in the fairly small spaces available on a platform, and so on.

BP has taken no chances with its link; power is provided at the shore end by batteries — on constant charge — activating a DC motor which in turn powers an AC generator. If the electricity supply fails, a diesel motor can be used, although the batteries will last for only an hour.

Off-shore, the supply is from batteries or gas turbine. A fault indication panel at Brimmond Hill (the on-shore tropo station) and Dyce (the operations centre) shows up any faults on the platform installations. Two of the 24 channels are for data transmission.

When dealing with any link to an off-shore installation, safety must be a prime consideration; there must be sufficient back-up systems. The four platforms in the Forties field are to be linked by microwave with another of the four acting as host for a tropospheric scatter installation, thus giving an alternative route. In the event of the emergency demanding total power shut-down communications will be maintained by hand-held equipment to the second host platform.

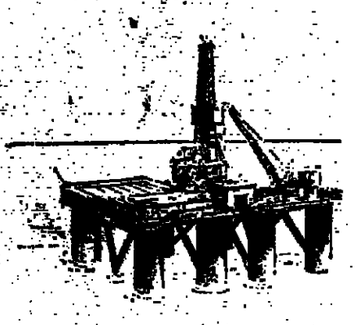
BP's system also includes telemetry, or remote control, which has been designed to provide data covering co-ordination of production control, monitoring of well testing, supervision of oil pipelines and terminals, preparation of oil accounting information and the capability of providing remote control.

The idea is to test the telemetry system slowly and if it proves successful, additional equipment can then be provided for the supervision of production control from Dyce together with automatic well testing. Design has also allowed for expansion in the system to cover, for example, the remote control of heavy plant and electrical switching on platforms.

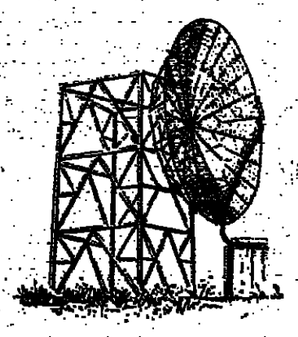
BP feels that the incentive to provide some form of remote control is considerable since the cost of continuously manning an operator position is about £40,000 a year; even so, BP are proceeding cautiously over telemetry.

Being the first, BP has had a lot of publicity—not always welcome—especially when it was, to some extent, feeling its way. However, the company has its own qualified communications staff to provide a full-time watch on the system.

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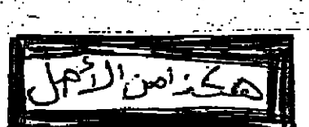
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THE NATIONAL PARKS

has taken little more than a ar for the first significant rift appear between one of the w National Park Committees d its embracing county council. e argument in the Yorkshire les National Park which has en occupying our correspon- nce columns is in itself little ore than one of those fleeting asperations that occur when mmittee jars against commit- e. But it springs from a more during and widespread conflict interest, and the park commit- e takes it seriously enough to ve demanded to be set loose d reconstituted as a planning ard like those in the Lake and ak districts.

The committee wants to buy a stel and appoint a footpath- ficer, and the council, quite operly mindful of the con- raints of the time, has said no, not yet. More fundamentally, e committee finds it irksome at such details of its expendi- re should be outside its own ntrol. If it was a planning ard it could make a precept on e rates for whatever sums it ought necessary (and would, rrespondingly, be at this oment in receipt of the same monitory circulars about ex- nditure that the county has d to digest). The two plan- ng boards have in the past been nsistently more enterprising in e administration of their parks an the committees, and the oyal Commission on Local overnment, which otherwise jected the use of ad hoc thorities, recommended that they should be made the general pattern. The Labour Government accepted the idea, the Conservative Government rejected it, and the structure that was set up has not yet been working long enough to expose its qualities.

Before last year national parks (apart from the Lakes and the Peak) were administrated by committees with almost no staff, spending power or influence. In several cases three or four counties had a footing in the park area, each with a committee of its own. That fragmentation has disappeared, and each of the new committees has a chief officer with a full-time staff and is required to prepare a coherent management plan for the future of its park. This is quite close to the role of a planning board, with the important omission of financial autonomy. Many of those concerned with national parks still regret the compromise, but many who live in them are glad that council control has been retained.

More than 250,000 people live in the parks, and their interest in them will inevitably be to some extent in conflict with the interest of those who think of them as areas of recreation. It is a conflict in which both sides have claims that must be acknowledged. The parks tend to be in areas that are not well off by national standards. Local people fear that enthusiasts from outside would condemn them to picturesque stagnation and a trade in souvenirs and cream teas. Outsiders fear that local councils will not hesitate to allow a valley to be spoilt for the sake of a few more jobs and a little more ratable value. The conflict was embittered in the past by the fact that the ratepayer often had to bear most of the cost of park administration, which might well affect him only through abnormally tight planning regulations and projects to encourage litter-spreading townsmen to crowd in. Last year, however, national grants to the parks were greatly increased and many councils took the opportunity to reduce their own spending, so that factor has less force than it had.

Both committees and planning boards are composed in the same way, with two thirds of their number councillors and one third nominees of the Secretary of State. This ensures that though planning boards have a freer hand financially, the influence of local opinion and local representative institutions still predominates in them. Their relations with their counties have in general been better than those between North Yorkshire and its park committee seem to be—for instance, the Peak was almost the only park last year to persuade its county not to cut its financial contribution, but to increase it. National parks are a precious asset of the nation as a whole, and it is likely that the council committee will continue to seem a less satisfactory way of achieving the necessary balance of interests than the planning board.

EWISH EMIGRATION FROM RUSSIA

he Soviet Union is now busy ying to persuade people that ie reason why fewer Jews are migrating is that fewer Jews ish to emigrate. A recent ticle by the Novosti Press gency stated that applications *e now coming in at the rate of* bout 850 a month, compared ith more than 2,200 a month efore the war of September, 973. It goes on to say that last ear about 16,000 Jews left the oviet Union, compared with 2,000 in 1973, and that on July 1 here were only 1,400 applica- ions still under consideration.

These figures leave a number of questions unanswered. Accord- ng to Jewish sources about 1,000 Jews have left the Soviet Union very month this year, compared with an average of about 2,900 a *month in 1973. If there are only* 50 applications a month the acklog of 1,400 announced in anuary should have been re- uced. Instead it has remained onstant, according to Soviet gures. Moreover, Jewish urces report that about 18,000 vitations have been issued this ar. Normally the first step in plying for emigration is to ask *for one of these invitations, so* that although it is wholly believable that not all those who asked for invitations went ahead and applied for emigration there must still be some doubt about the Soviet figure of 850 applications a month.

Each side has an interest in interpreting the figures to make a point. On the Soviet side it is certainly believable that the attractions of emigrating to Israel or to the west in general have somewhat diminished. News must have filtered back to Soviet Jews of the precarious situation in the Middle East and the difficulties which some Jews have had in adjusting to western life. However, it is still difficult to take the Soviet argument at its face value, especially as there is evidence of a systematic campaign by the Soviet authorities to discourage emigration.

There have been seven trials this year of Jews wanting to emigrate and many cases of harassment. Applicants are almost automatically dismissed from their jobs and may face other hardships. In some areas officials seem to take pride in keeping their records free of emigration and simply refuse to accept applications. There has been an increase in the number of applicants or children of applicants called up for military service, which means spending two years in the army and then waiting another five before being eligible for emigration.

The number of applicants can easily be reduced by pressure, uncertainty and harassment. Even at the best of times it took courage to apply but an applicant would be sustained through a period of hardship by reasonable confidence that he would get out in the end. Reduce that confidence, as the authorities have now done, and fewer people will apply. In fact the most surprising thing is not that there are now fewer applications but that there are still so many.

Probably the Russians have decided that as there are no *special concessions to be wrung* from the United States at the moment they can afford to tighten up. Western governments need to make it clear that decent treatment of Soviet Jews is not something to be bargained for but a matter of continuing concern which is bound to influence a whole range of western attitudes towards the Soviet Union.

HUMBS DOWN TO EEC ENERGY PROPOSALS

ie Select Committee of the use of Lords has adopted an sparingly critical tone in its port on the European Com- nity's attempts to work out a mmon energy strategy. The ussels Commission, which pro- ced them, is taken to task for vagueness of the language in mmunity documents, dubious tistics and the omission of a mber of important factors m its analysis. There is some tice in all the criticisms. The mmunity's attempt to map out energy programme to 1985 urs all of the classic marks of mpromise draft, where words consultation and "concerta- n" are strewn around to keep an appearance that progress eing made.

The select committee is right cast doubts on the Commis- n's belief that nuclear energy vides early hope for a massive r source of power. The Com- sion believes that nuclear er could provide 16 per cent Europe's energy needs by 5. The Lords do not agree. n if there were no worries on ty and environmental unds, and even if there were worries about supplies of nium, this target would be ost impossible to achieve. The ted Kingdom has had too y unhappy experiences in the in its attempts to make a forward to the nuclear age for it to be tempted again by an *excessive promise of atomic* power.

As well as being criticized for getting its estimates wrong, the Commission is accused of ignoring important issues, such as whether the expected increase in demand reflects a general need as opposed to what is called "the wasteful demands of mere comfort". It is hard to reconcile this rather authoritarian declaration with the Select Committee's distaste for the Commission's supposed interventionism. There is nothing wrong about a desire for comfort, and the proper concern to save energy when it is being wasted should not imply that there is.

This is not the only occasion on which the Select Committee seems to slip below the high standards which it criticizes the Commission for not meeting. It *is cool towards the Commission's* high priority for greater self-sufficiency, and lists six major assumptions which it feels underlie the thinking in Brussels. It then rightly points out that any or all of these could be falsified in the event but surprisingly adds that it had not thought it worthwhile to call witnesses to find out whether this was likely to happen.

That is a serious omission. Apart from a limited commitment to research aimed at finding *more raw materials and cut*ting back waste, the committee basically thinks that the right thing for Europe to do is to "wait and see". Guidelines on the likely proportion of total demand which will be accounted for by any particular fuel involve the risk, the committee argue, of restricting the use of resources. It also offers a warning against reliance on any one source of fuel. In putting both arguments in the same paragraph it is being less than fair to the Commission. The driving motive behind the search for a greater contribution from nuclear power in the European Community has been that, for the lack of any guidelines on which fuels ought to be used, oil is dominant and is likely to maintain its dominance even after the oil price rises of the past two years. Nor is it realistic to talk about "keeping options open" and equating this with not deciding on a policy. It takes seven years, with luck, to build a nuclear power station, and it has taken some five years to start bringing North Sea oil ashore. There are many justified criticisms to be made of the detail of the Community's attempts to plan its energy future, but that is not the same thing as saying that it is a mistake even to try.

utiny of local politics

n Professor A. Thompson

A prominent local authority—Central Region in Scotland—is osing an all-party investigation the operation of the home loans me for local officials. This *e comes after allegations* made Mr Harry Ewing, MP, Under- retary of State for Scotland.

gardless of the outcome (and it well be that the persons con- ed are completely exonerated) proposal is to be welcomed for reasons. First, it is important ratepayers in any area should *the detailed costs of local* nistration and the effectiveness ethods of control of official ex- es and remuneration. There is ng sinister in this: citizens are lly reasonable people who are themselves members of trades s and professional groups, with rience of negotiating wages, ies and benefits for themselves eir own occupations. Neverthe- they want to be satisfied that *there is proper scrutiny over public* spending, particularly as the burden is falling upon many citizens who face increasing economic hardships and declining living standards.

Secondly, although the Central Region is Labour-controlled, this investigation is to be an all-party one. This does not detract from my view that the existence of political parties is essential to democracy at both the national and local level. I believe, however, that as local government areas are approaching the size and status of mini-parliaments, they should consider adopting parliamentary methods in the control and scrutiny of their activities. These include various all-party committees which, since 1861 when Mr Gladstone established the Public Accounts Committee, have developed into a reasonably effective method of exposing examples of waste, fraud and extravagance.

The fact that MPs of different parties work together harmoniously in this task in no way inhibits them from engaging in party arguments *in other spheres of parliamentary* activity. This dual role requires a certain political maturity and sophistication, and a willingness not to pursue party advantage in an area where the public interest is best served by impartial investigation. Over the years, MPs have come to understand and perform this dual role highly effectively, and the time has come when some of these all-party control procedures might usefully be extended to local government. The system would require to be augmented by other measures (eg, by a review of auditing methods, and a more positive interpretation of the role of local Ombudsmen), but its application would increase confidence both in local government machinery and in the role of the political parties who operate it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Religious teaching in schools

From the Headmaster of Ampleforth College

Sir, I suspect that Mr Mott (letter Sept 13) from the necessarily short report in your news columns (Sept 5) may have misunderstood the context of my remarks at Oxford. The context was ecumenical and concerned the education of young children not sixth formers. Further I should like to keep separate two questions which are in danger of being confused.

The first, with which I *was* concerned, is whether the teaching of religion should be abandoned in schools and replaced by a syllabus for the comparative study of religions and various secularist philosophies such as marxism and *humanism. Such is the proposal* made in the report of the National Foundation for Educational Research which was published during the holiday period.

The second question, with which I was *not* concerned, is *how*, if it is to be taught, religion should be taught in a pluralist, secular society. The answers to this would be different for children and for sixth formers, and they must of course take into account many of the points made by Mr Mott. I agree in particular that the ultimate freedom of the individual must be protected, encouraged and educated.

On the first question I conceded that our society has in fact become pluralist and secular, that this must be accepted as a premise, that the next education Act is unlikely to incorporate the provisions of the 1944 Act about Christian worship and teaching in maintained schools. This will necessarily pose a problem for those parents who desire religious teaching for their children. I conceded that the study of comparative religion has value and interest at the appropriate age, but pointed out that it was no substitute for the teaching of religion—especially for the very young.

I do not suggest that the present working of the provisions about Christian teaching in the 1944 Act is satisfactory, nor that there should be no change. I did suggest, however, that the proposals of the NFER report are not the right change, unless it is desired that religious teaching should become the prerogative of independent and some voluntary aided schools.

I have no doubt that, if we were to discuss the second question about *how* religion should be taught especially to older pupils in schools, I should find myself in agreement with much that Mr Mott has to say and with some of what the framers of the NFER report have to say . . . unless of course every form of religious teaching is to be branded as indoctrination. Indoctrination is an emotive word and even Mr Mott's definition of it raises as many questions as it answers.

If any religious teaching is indoctrination so is any teaching of marxism, humanism or of any secularist philosophy. Even the absence of all teaching about the meaning of human life and its values must be accounted as indoctrination, for that is nothing but training in moral vacuity, and the dangers involved are great indeed.

Yours faithfully,
N. P. BARRY,
Ampleforth College,
York.
Sept 13.

Christianity on TV

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, The defence by Brandon Jackson and Michael Buckley of the Yorkshire Television programme *Stars on Sunday* (September 12) against the criticism by Bernard Levin (September 9) contains its own self-criticism. "In our secular society people tend to switch off as soon as they are confronted by a clerical collar on the small screen"—so the religious message must be presented with a secular disguise: not Jesus Christ, but Superstar. No doubt religion — in this case Christianity — concerns people's lives; but so do other religions than Christianity, and also non-religious beliefs such as humanism—why not show that on television too?

Yours, etc,
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From Mrs Nicholas Bagshawe

Sir, I am indebted to the "Religious advisers to *Stars on Sunday*" for the information that religion is "about people and their daily lives". I had previously laboured under the misapprehension that it was about God.

Yours faithfully,
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Cigarette smoking and lung cancer

From Professor P. R. J. Burch

Sir, The letter from Sir Richard Doll and Mr Peto (September 1) conveniently highlights certain differences between our respective approaches. Thus, the conclusions they wish us to draw from studies of Mormons and Seventh Day Adventists violate a basic rule of statistical inference, because such groups are not selected randomly from the general population.

Extrapolation from one animal species to another is often hazardous and the irrelevance of the animal experiments to lung cancer in man is clear. The condensate from small cigars is many times more carcinogenic in mice than that from an equivalent mass of cigarette tobacco. In man, by contrast, the association between cigar smoking and lung cancer is much weaker than that for cigarette smoking. Differences in the habit of inhaling do not explain the paradox. In the only statistically adequate study of the effects of inhaling, the late Sir Ronald Fisher showed, from data supplied by Hill and Doll, that inhalers have a 10 per cent *lower* average incidence of lung cancer than non-inhalers. Fisher commented, "Even equality would be a fair knock-out for the theory that smoke in the lung causes cancer".

I have shown (*Lancet*, July 14, 1973) that the changes in death-rates from lung cancer recorded in England and Wales since 1901 were not only many times too large to be *explained by the increase in smok*ing, but were also remarkably synchronous in the two sexes. However, the adoption of the habit of cigarette smoking by women lagged some 30 years behind that of men. The data give no support to the idea that the increases were caused by smoking. Histopathological studies reveal that the main factor responsible for the recorded increases was error in clinical diagnosis. Drastic underdiagnosis at the beginning of the century gave way to overdiagnosis during the past decade.

Despite the strong association between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, the late Dr Percy Stocks and others found a very poor correlation between *national cigarette consumption* and national death-rates from lung cancer. For certain cancers (such as laryngeal cancer in men), that are almost as strongly associated with personal smoking habits as lung cancer, Stocks found *negative* associations between national cigarette consumption and national death-rates. We may conclude that a strong association, on which Doll and Peto place such heavy emphasis, affords no proof of cause.

The fall in the incidence of lung cancer in ex-smokers relative to that in continuing smokers is predicted by the constitutional hypothesis because ex-smokers are self-selected and long-duration ex-smokers will tend to have been "social" (not "constitutional?") smokers with a low incidence of lung cancer. Mortality from all causes has a special importance in this context because diagnostic error is irrelevant, numbers are large and cigarette smoking is widely supposed to raise overall mortality.

For the age-group 35 to 84 years, Doll and Pike found that the standardized death-rate in British male *doctors fell by 0.6 per cent between* 1953-57 and 1961-65, whereas over a similar period, corresponding rates in the general male population of England and Wales fell by 1.3 per cent. The general male population, whose consumption of cigarettes increased slightly, enjoyed a marginally better change in their mortality than male doctors, who halved their cigarette consumption! (We should not conclude, however, that cigarette smoking increases longevity.)

Doll and Peto refer to the induction of lung cancer by industrial exposure to radon and other carcinogens and imply that, by an analogous mutational mechanism, cigarette smoke causes most cases of lung cancer in the general population. Argument by analogy is always risky; here it is disastrous. The average age at onset of lung cancer in uranium miners (who breath high levels of radon) decreases progressively with increasing levels of exposure. This contrasts with the data on cigarette smoking. The average age at onset of lung cancer is effectively independent, not only of the daily rate of smoking, but also of the age of commencing smoking, whether it be during childhood or above the age of 30. Collectively, these and many other properties of the age-distribution of lung cancer dispose of the idea that cigarette smoke commonly *causes lung cancer by inducing* irreversible mutations.

In conclusion, Doll, Peto and others make the fundamental error of dwelling on what they believe to be corroborative evidence. Sir Karl Popper has taught some of us that, when testing theories, we must attend mainly to those crucial observations that threaten to refute them. Thus, studies of families in the United States refute any simple causal theory that ignores constitutional factors; they powerfully corroborate Fisher's theory. Studies of twins, for which Doll has expressed no enthusiasm, should eventually tell us whether the association between smoking and lung cancer can be accounted for solely in constitutional terms.

Yours faithfully,
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September 12.

Church as landowners

From Mr S. P. Osmond

Sir, I write to correct the Reverend Oliver Simon's assumption (letter September 11) regarding the Church Commissioners' annual subscription to the Country Landowners' Association. Recognizing that their standard formula for calculating subscriptions would result in an unreasonable level of subscription for institutions owning many thousands of acres the CLA has for many years charged the Commissioners a special rate. Thus the current rate of subscription works out at approximately 1p for every 2 acres of land owned by the Commissioners and therefore is well below the £1,000 referred to by Mr Simon.

As one of the larger owners of agricultural land in the country, the Commissioners have felt for many years that it was right for them to be members of the CLA which is the one national body representing the interests of the owners of agricultural land whether they are private individuals, public authorities, charities or financial institutions. They have been members since 1931.

Naturally the CLA will from time to time be involved in the discussion of public and political affairs. The association is however, not affiliated to any political party and there are, moreover, many non-political aspects of agricultural land ownership on which the association represents owners of agricultural land and provides much information and advice that is extremely valuable. *Mr Simon is right in saying that the* Commissioners take great care to preserve a "non-political" profile and they do not consider that their membership of the CLA conflicts with this aim.

Yours faithfully,
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September 15.

Administration of national parks

From Mrs Claire Brooks and Mr John Rundle

Sir, The letter from Mr John Cadbury and others (September 5) advocates that the Yorkshire Dales National Park Committee should be removed from the control of the North Yorkshire County Council and set up as an independent authority. The writers base their reasoning on their belief that independence is necessary if a national park committee is to operate "effectively" and state that the two national parks which have independent boards are the only two which have made progress in coping with the "problems and conflicts".

Conflict is inherent in the whole concept of national parks—conflict between those who, from undoubtedly altruistic motives, seek to preserve an area of beautiful country and those who live there, have lived there for generations and who depend on the land for their livelihood.

To the latter, mainly farmers, local democratic control is essential. There are, even at present, strong feelings among the farming community about the policies of the Dales National Park Planning Committee: feelings of resentment about the extent to which policies and decisions are influenced by those whom the farmers regard as "outsiders".

It is, in our view, imperative that the inhabitants of national parks should have a strong voice in the running of the parks' affairs and the most effective way of ensuring this is to keep the national park planning committees under the control of democratically elected county councils.

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From Dr W. F. Beech

Sir, Planning in national parks is intended to differ substantially from planning in other areas; the National Parks Act requires park authorities to plan primarily to preserve and enhance natural beauty. Where, as Mr Shepherd (*The Times*, September 9) advocates, the whole planning function is vested in county and district councils, this *difference tends to become obli*terated; what he terms "a coherent planning policy" often means that planning standards in the national park are little or no better than in the rest of the county.

To say that the effect of having an independent planning board is to create "a county within a county" is a variant of the argument used by the Association of County Councils, according to which independent boards are "outside" local government and, as precepting authorities, are not subject to direct financial control by the county councils.

This argument was refuted by Lord Sandford who, as Joint Parliamentary Secretary for Environment, said in the House of Lords in 1972 that the Peak and Lakes Parks Boards "have worked well and . . . have developed a number of devices which in practice ensure that they do operate within local government. . . ".

The county councils' argument would appear to apply no less forcibly to the precepts which they *themselves levy on district councils*, which have no direct control over what the county councils spend, and how they spend it, in providing major local services. In contrast to the county precept, which usually represents a major proportion of the district councils' total expenditure, the precepts levied by independent national park boards are quite small.

Expenditure on national parks has, in fact, always been almost insignificant when compared with what is spent on highways, education and other major local services: in the early 1970s, total annual expenditure on all ten national parks was only a quarter or less of what the Greater London Council spent on the London parks and open spaces.

Independent national park boards are very far from being outside the control of locally elected representatives. In common with county council national park committees, two-thirds of their members are county or district councillors appointed by the constituent county councils, only one-third being appointed by the Secretary of State. Local authority representatives are, therefore, in a predominant position to influence not only the planning policies of an independent board but also the precept which it levies each year on the county councils.

Alone among our national parks and other protected areas, the Peak National Park, administered since 1951 by an independent board with its own staff, has been awarded the Council of Europe's diploma for effective conservation and management. Surely we should be proud of this splendid achievement and strive for similar excellence in all our *national parks.*

Yours faithfully,
W. F. BEECH,
Hon Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, Dartmoor Preservation Association,
Woodside Cottage,
192 Church Lane,
Marple, Cheshire.
September 13

The Greek trireme

From The President of Wolfson College, Cambridge

Sir, I quoted, as the only hard *evidence we have for a trireme's* speed under oar in transit (as opposed to its speed in battle), Xenophon's precise statement (*Anabasis* VI iv 2) that "from Byzantium to Heracleia", a distance of about 140 miles along the Black Sea coast, "was a voyage of a long day under oar".

Mr Leach in your issue of today (September 12) seems to claim that when Xenophon says "under oar" he means "under oar and sail". This seems very unlikely. Also, I am much readier to believe Xenophon's precise and unambiguous statement than any guesswork however "scientific" resting on insecure data and false parallels. It seems reasonable to infer that if a trireme's speed in transit was plus or minus 12 knots according to what "a long day" is taken to mean, its speed under battle conditions when all 170 oarsmen were going all out would have been considerably higher.

But in *any case there is absolutely no argument here* for Mr Leach's main thesis that the trireme used sail in battle. Is he by any chance the same person as your other distinguished correspondent Dr Simpliguesswerk?

I am, yours faithfully,
JOHN MORRISON,
Wolfson College,
Cambridge.
September 12.

From Mr K. A. Meads

Sir, I and my club colleagues have read with interest the letter published in your columns on September 6 from Mr John Morrison, generally concerned with Greek triremes.

*Though knowing little of the sub*ject in question, and at the risk perhaps of obscuring the real reason for the correspondence, may we query the technical feasibility of propelling, by oar power alone, a boat over a distance of 140 miles in 12 hours, at an average speed of nearly 12 miles an hour?

A normal racing "eight" used for *example in the Tideway Head of the* River Race would not be capable of sustaining speeds of this order for more than about 20 minutes even in ideal conditions. The record for this race, a distance of just over four miles, in first class wind and tide conditions, approximates to a trained crew averaging 14½ miles an hour over 17 minutes, this with the advantages of modern training methods, boat design and lightweight materials.

Average boats (non-record breaking) in average conditions would be hard put to maintain even 12 miles an hour over this short course, and the possibility of completing, as it were, 33 continuous laps of it, in a sea-going warship, even though designed to be "a first class rowing machine", seems unlikely.

If we understand Mr Morrison correctly, not all of the available oarsmen would have been rowing at any one time, ⅓ or at most ½ only being employed. If correct, although furnishing a continuous supply of *relatively fresh men, this method* must have meant that those actually rowing were not only moving their own weight and that of the boat, but the combined weights of up to ⅔ of their non-active companions plus the non-rowing crew. A very hard task.

If indeed such a performance was possible, this club will be giving serious consideration to selling our existing racing fleet and converting to triremes, which would provide us with the double advantages of improving our prospects for winning next year, meanwhile allowing ⅓ of our available oarsmen to make even greater efforts in the direction of bar profitability.

We are, Sir, yours faithfully,
K. A. MEADS,
Vesta Rowing Club,
The Embankment,
Putney, SW15.
September 8.

Future of Rhodesia

From Professor C. A. W. Manning

Sir, It is, I submit, a pity when, as alas in your leader this morning (September 4), the distinction is blurred between the respective replies that Mr Ian Smith is in the habit of giving to two related but different questions. One of these questions sees the Rhodesian population as made up of a white minority and a black majority, and looks to the eventual, even perhaps the early, transfer of power from the former to the latter. The other question sees Rhodesians, whether white or black, as differing in their fitness for the "responsible" exercise, in the days and years ahead, of the parliamentary franchise.

The question is—Does Mr Smith envisage a future in which the majority of the Rhodesian electorate will be black? To this question, in my experience, his answer is, categorically, Yes: the great majority of the Rhodesian population being black, sooner or later the majority of the electorate, *on however strictly* qualified a franchise, must inevitably be black.

Is it not time, sir, that your readers had the opportunity to appreciate the crucial difference between these two questions?

Yours faithfully,
C. A. W. MANNING,
34 Newton Road, W2.
September 4.

V and A's cherry trees

From the Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum

Sir, This is in reply to Mr Levey's letter printed in your columns last Friday (September 12). The cherry trees were planted in the immediate postwar period, sadly, too many and too close. As part of a carefully planned programme for the restoration of the Museum as an historic building the facade of the quadrangle will be cleaned this autumn. We are advised by the Department of the Environment that the present trees are in such a bad state that they will have to be removed within the next five to 10 years.

I feel sure that your readers would agree that a phased replanting is preferable to a total emergency felling at a later date. The redesigning is at present being very carefully considered by the Museum in consultation with the Department of the Environment and the Garden History Society. No one is more *aware than I am of the tremendous* and largely under-valued asset that the Victoria and Albert Museum has in this garden in its midst. It is one I intend to enhance and not, as Mr Levey implies, to diminish.

Yours faithfully,
ROY STRONG,
Victoria and Albert Museum,
South Kensington, SW7.
September 13.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 15: The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

Hilary Countess of Munster is very grateful for the many letters she has received and would like to thank all those who have so

Mr Ahmed E. H. Jaffer, ex MP, (Pakistan), has arrived in New York to attend the United Nations General Assembly session.

Fund-raising goblets for cathedral

Limited editions of gold and silver goblets are to be offered for sale to the public as part of the £3.53m appeal fund for Canterbury Cathedral, it was announced yesterday.

The 18-carat gold edition, numbering 75, is priced at £1,750 a goblet while the silver edition of 1,350 cost £95 each. The goblets, which are about 5½ inches high and carry the cathedral's coat of arms, were commissioned by the dean and chapter.

Luncheons

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister and Mrs Wilson gave a luncheon yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr Nelson A. Rockefeller, Vice-President of the United States. The other guests were:

The American Ambassador, Mr John Marsh, Senator Edward Brooke, Mr James Keogh, Mr John W. Warner, Dr Theodore Marrs, Captain Jonathan Howe, Mr James Callaghan, MP and Mrs Callaghan, Mr Roy Jenkins, MP and Mrs Jenkins, Mr Reginald Maudling, MP and Mrs Maudling, Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings, Mr and Mrs Gordon Richardson, Mr and Mrs W. O. Campbell Adamson, Mr and Mrs Ian Murray, Mr and Mrs Edwin Nixon, Lady Falkender, Mr K. R. Stowe, Mr J. T. W. Haines, Dr Bernard Donoughue, Mr Patrick Wright and Mr Albert Murray.

HM Government

Mr Reginald Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Lancaster House, in honour of President Jawara of The Gambia.

Constitutional Club

Mr James Prior, shadow Minister for Employment, was the guest at a luncheon yesterday given by the political committee of the Constitutional Club. Mr David Burnett, chairman of the political committee, was in the chair, assisted by Sir Donald Kaberry, MP, chairman of the club, and Mr G. S. Bache, vice chairman.

Dinners

HM Government

Mr Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Defence was host last night at a dinner given by her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House, in honour of Mr Eric Holmqvist, Swedish Minister of Defence.

Others present were:

Mr and Mrs B. Akerren, Rear-Admiral D. Arvas, Mr L.-O. Pettersson, Colonel and Mrs Curt Hasselgren, Colonel and Mrs J. Wingvist, Captain and Mrs N. Rydström and Major N-O. Gard, Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew and Lady Humphrey, General Sir Richard and Lady Ward, Sir Archibald and Lady Ross, Sir John and Lady Cowlson, Sir Lester and Lady Suffield, Mr L. W. Robson and Baroness Robson of Kiddington, Mr Brynmor John, MP, Mr Cranley Onslow, MP, and Lady June Onslow, Rear-Admiral and Mrs C. Rusky, Mr and Mrs H. T. Morgan, Mr and Mrs J. A. Mayne, Captain E. W. Briggs, RN, Group Captain R. J. Barratt, Group Captain W. Farquharson and Major S. J. Williams.

Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the following guests at dinner at the Mansion House yesterday:

The High Commissioner for Canada and Mrs Martin, Lord and Lady Plowden, Lord and Lady Nelson of Stafford, Lord and Lady Pritchard, Sir Eric and Lady Faulkner, Sir Reay and Lady Geddes, the Chairman of British Airports Authority and Mrs Nigel G. Foulkes, and Mr and Mrs R. H. Peet.

Forthcoming marriages

Sir Bernard de Bunsen and Miss J. Harmston

The engagement is announced between Sir Bernard de Bunsen and Miss Joan Harmston.

Mr C. P. Clementi and Miss P. J. Nollan

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs C. M. Clementi, of Chiswick, and Judy, daughter of Mrs S. J. Vinter and stepdaughter of Mr Vinter, of Wallington Green.

Mr J. Crowther and Miss A. J. Sergent

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Dr and Mrs John W. Crowther, of Heswall, Merseyside, and Alison, youngest daughter of the late Mr Noel Sergent, and Mrs Honor Francis, of 4 Garford Road, Oxford.

Mr C. J. Gouldstone and Miss T. M. Russell

The engagement is announced between Christopher Gouldstone, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Gouldstone, of Tilden, Headcorn, Kent, and Theodosia (Tinky) Russell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Cosmo Russell, of Parapet House, Lenham, Kent.

Flying Officer R. H. Keeling, RAAF, and Miss J. L. M. O'Brien

The engagement is announced between Richard Hartley, elder son of the late Mr R. V. Keeling and of Mrs Keeling, Manor Cottage, Ivinghoe, and Judith Lamaise Marie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. J. O'Brien, of Coonabarabran, Australia.

Dr D. J. Knowelden and Miss C. P. Du V. Davis

The engagement is announced between David John, younger son of Professor and Mrs J. Knowelden, of Grindleford, Sheffield, and Philippa, younger daughter of the late Major and Mrs T. A. Du Vernet-Davis.

Mr A. C. McCarthy and Miss M. E. Donahue

The engagement is announced between Anthony Charles, youngest son of the late Captain James McCarthy, MC, and Mrs McCarthy, of Bracklyn, Mullingar, co Westmeath, Republic of Ireland, and Mary Ellen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Theodore P. Donahue, of Dowdstown House, Mavnooth, co Kildare, Republic of Ireland, and of New York.

Mr M. K. O. Power and Miss K. S. Sanger

The engagement is announced between Michael Kenneth O'Neil Power, son of Mr and Mrs John Power, of Kinsham, Worcestershire, and Katrina Scarlett, second daughter of Mr Theodore Sanger, of Penallt, Monmouth, and Mrs Ivan Ulic, of Elsworth, Cambridge.

Mr H. A. Pryor and Miss A. E. Marshall

The engagement is announced between Hugh Archibald, youngest son of the late Rev A. S. Pryor, and of Mrs Pryor, of Nimney House, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, and Anne Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. R. W. Marshall, of Durban, Natal.

Mr N. J. B. Sykes-Balls and Miss P. A. Devonport

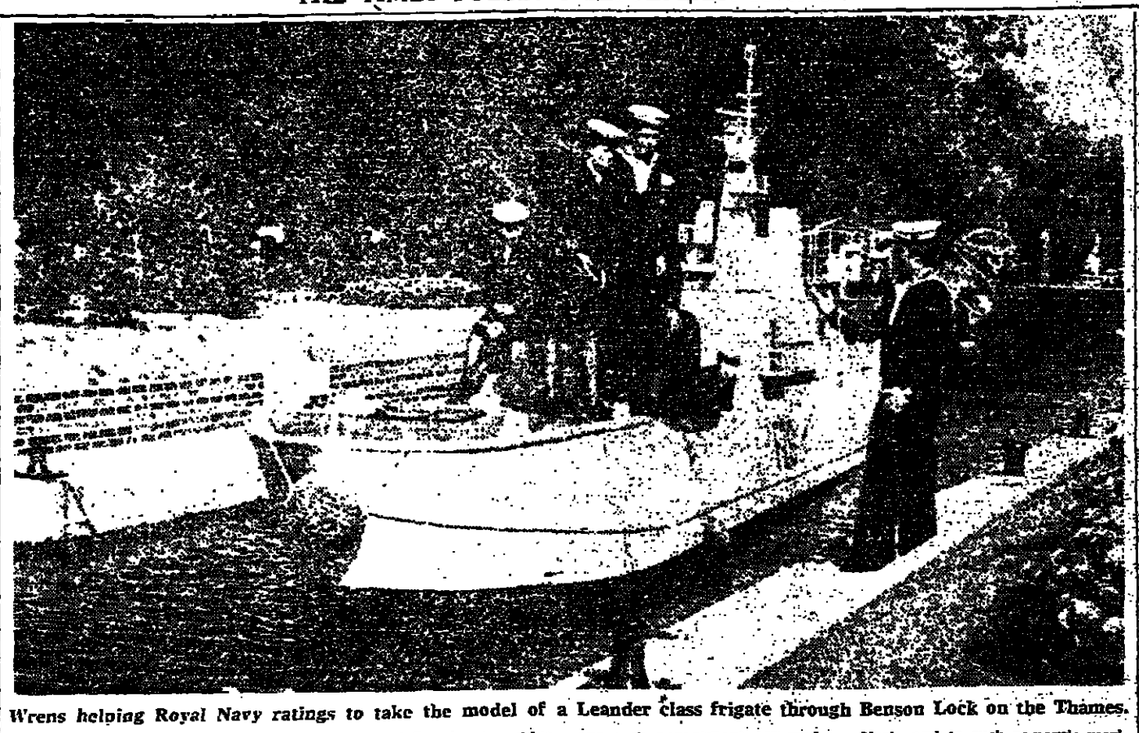
The engagement is announced between Nicholas John Barton, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Sykes-Balls, of the Cliffs, Livermead, Torquay, Devon, and Patricia Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Devonport, of Hapstead House, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

Mr J. A. Lyon Tupman and Miss A. M. Willoughby-Meade

The engagement is announced between John Andrew Lyon, elder son of the late Rev J. B. Tupman, MA, and Mrs J. B. Tupman, of Rushlake Green, Sussex, and Angela Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. J. R. J. Willoughby-Meade, of Bournemouth, Dorset.

Mr T. Lyon Tupman and Miss C. E. Leeves

The engagement is announced between Timothy Lyon, younger son of the late Rev J. B. Tupman, MA, and Mrs J. B. Tupman, of Rushlake Green, Sussex, and Christine Eileen, elder daughter of Mrs L. Leeves, of Heathfield, Sussex.



Wrens helping Royal Navy ratings to take the model of a Leander class frigate through Benson Lock on the Thames.

Navy shows the flag on canals

From David Leigh
Benson, Oxfordshire

The commander of one of Britain's more arcane naval units cautiously nosed his Polaris submarine and a Leander class frigate into Benson Lock yesterday. "Have you got a lady's toilet?" he called anxiously to the lock-keeper's wife, as 14 Wren visitors lined up on deck. The Royal Navy canal fleet was in action.

The canal fleet probably falls in the spectrum of naval forces somewhere between the Swiss Navy, which does not exist, and the Irish Navy, which does but is notably tiny. The canal fleet has two ships, a seventh the size of their genuine counterparts, HMS Cleopatra and the nuclear submarine, HMS Renown.

Powered by converted bus engines, they were built as narrow-boat hulls by the British Waterways Board and then fitted out by the Navy with more or less convincing superstructures. Equipped with various bits and pieces of antiquated naval gear such as radar, gauges and the periscope from a midget submarine, the miniature warships are 60ft long and carry 10 sailors as crew, including one Royal Marine each.

"We do cause quite a stir among the pleasure boats", Chief Petty Officer Keith Ward said as he superintended the movement of his fleet through the neat Thames-side gardens of Benson Lock. "The trouble is, they keep bouncing off us." The black silhouette of the submarine has a rather nasty patch on the bows where one such engagement occurred.

"This is the best job in the Navy", one of the ratings said, a shade complacently, as he demonstrated the displays below deck. The most stirring tale of the sea in sight is a sheaf of copies of Nicholson's Guide to Inland Waterways.

For six-month tours every year, the last of which is just ending, the crews chug at a placid 4 mph along Britain's canals, showing the flag and carrying out soft-sell recruiting by opening up to the public at weekends. The crews get a daily accommodation and subsistence allowance from the Navy, but it is a duty apparently little known even within the Navy. The ratings tell with relish of one man who volunteered under the mistaken impression he would be helping to clear mines from the Suez Canal.

The fleet's last port of call was Oxford. They have travelled 1,700 miles this year, as far north as York, and to such romantic maritime locations as Chester and Lincoln. After a final visit to Kingston upon Thames the flotilla, which costs £34,000 a year to run, will retire for an extensive 18-month refit, to be equipped with more up-to-date naval items.

They celebrated yesterday by inviting 14 trainee Wrens, from Burghfield, near Reading, to join the final cruise. The girls, who rarely get afloat, looked a little cold yesterday; but worse things undoubtedly happen at sea.

Some people find the Navy's new fleet tasteless, however. Pacifist groups and others are planning a demonstration and a vigil against the model Polaris when it berths at Kingston this weekend. "They don't have to put it on our only bit of public promenade, where many people will find the idea of nuclear weapons as a recruitment toy offensive", a Liberal councillor, Miss Christine Gibbs, said yesterday.

Keen competition for seats in elections for both houses of General Synod

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

Ballot papers are being issued this week to the 36,000 lay members of the Church of England entitled to vote in the forthcoming elections for the General Synod. The counting of votes and the distribution of seats according to a complicated system of proportional representation will take place from October 10 to 14, in preparation for the first meeting of the new synod on November 11.

Lay members of the synod, who together constitute the House of Laity, are elected by members of the deanery synods, who are themselves in turn elected by ordinary parishioners. The House of Clergy includes special representation for deans and provosts of cathedrals and for chaplains of universities and the Armed Forces, but the bulk of its members will be drawn from incumbent ministers and elected by them. Diocesan bishops are returned automatically, but the new synod will contain additional representatives from suffragan bishops, for whom no special provision was made in the first elections in 1970.

Although membership of the synod involves at least three weeks' unpaid attendance each year for five years, in most dioceses there are at least twice the number of candidates for the seats available in both the two elected Houses. In the largest diocese, London, there are 20 candidates for the nine seats available for laymen, and 18 candidates for 10 seats for the clergy. In Southwark there are 14 candidates for the seven clergy seats and 15 candidates for the seven laymen's seats. In St Albans diocese there are 12 candidates for four clergy seats.

Several church organizations have issued lists of candidates whom they support, including the new synod group, which believes in a liberal renewal of the church, and the main Anglo-Catholic and evangelical societies have also encouraged "party" support. It is not expected that any one group will win a dominating position in the synod, however, although there have been some informed predictions of a swing towards Evangelicals.

In most diocese electors have been given the opportunity to discover the opinion of candidates on a variety of issues likely to come before the synod in its next five years, such as the ordination of women, the remarriage of divorcees, the reform of private patronage, the method of appointing bishops, and church unity. Although some of those issues were fully debated by the last synod, they can be reopened. The ordination of women in particular is likely to reemerge as a highly controversial topic at some point.

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Kemp, has criticized the election for the General Synod being fought over issues rather than decided by the individual qualities of candidates.

He stated: "I strongly deprecate any picture of the elections for the General Synod being fought on issues, in the same sort of way as parliamentary elections."

Latest appointments

Latest appointments:

Major-General Sir Rollo Pain to become Head of British Defence Staff and Defence Attaché, Washington, in the rank of lieutenant-general, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Ian Easton, in December.

Lord Napier and Ettrick to be president of the London district of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade.

Mr W. H. Sefton to be chairman of the North West Economic Planning Council and Dr D. A. Harper to be deputy chairman.

Mrs Joan Macintosh to be chairman of the Scottish Consumer Council. Members: Miss M. Blackwood, Mr A. Burton, Miss J. Cook, Mr D. Dewar, Mr R. Donald, Mrs G. Findlay, Mrs A. Henderson, Mrs C. Mackay, Mrs E. Skivington, Mrs J. Stewart and Mrs A. Whamond.

Butchers' Company

The Butchers' Company has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Master, Mr H. A. Kingwell; Deputy Master, Mr T. W. Bonser; Renter Assistant, Mr N. L. Hall; Providitor, Mr F. W. Grigson; Wardens, Mr J. G. Clarfelt, Mr R. C. Cornell, Mr F. R. Jackman and Mr L. C. Kingston.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Gloucester attends demonstration by East of England Agricultural Society, Barton, Bedfordshire, 2.

Exhibition: The Georgian Playhouse, actors, audiences and architecture 1730-1830, Hayward Gallery, 10-8.

Dolls: Study of their history and development 1750-1970, Bethnal Green Museum, Cambridge Heath Road, 10-6.

Lunchtime concert: Albert Ferber, piano, Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, 1.05-1.50.

Talk: The Rev Peter Kettlewill, My first three months as a deacon, St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap, 1.10.

Birthdays today

Sir Guy Cooper, 85; Sir Maurice Dean, 69; Sir Alexander Giles, 50; Colonel Frederick Gough, 74; Colonel Sir Francis Jackson, 86; Mr Kenneth Lindsay, 78; Lord Justice Megaw, 66; Sir Andrew Noble, 71; Surgeon Rear-Admiral L. B. Osborne, 75; Baroness Pike, 57; Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings, 59; Sir John Saint, 78.

Marriage

Mr E. I. Ll. Mostyn and Mrs R. Leyland

The marriage took place in Taunton yesterday of Mr Edwyn (Tim) Mostyn, of Hill Farm House, Guilden Sutton, Cheshire, and Mrs Angela Leyland, widow of Mr Ralph Leyland, of Dissiford House, Bishop's Lydeard, Taunton, Somerset.

Royal Marines appointments

The Ministry of Defence announces that the following candidates have been granted Royal Marines university cadetships. They have been appointed second lieutenant.

J. W. Bibby, Wellington S: R. M. Bowkett, The City Univ: J. B. McCubbin, Glasgow Ac: R. E. Moyse, Wilmslow GS: M. C. Richards, Wellington C: A. M. Smalley, Hastings GS: J. R. Thomas, R. Edward GSS, Tomes: A. C. Wilson, Sherborne S.

The following Royal Marine has been appointed acting lieutenant.

Royal Marines (short service):
J. R. Potts, BSc, Barton on Humber GS, Sheffield Univ.

Appointed second lieutenants Royal Marines:
J. P. Crosby, Kingswood S: C. Dewar, St Nicholas GS: J. L. Dunn, Kendal GS: R. J. Hall, Kirkby Stephen GS: S. T. Hartnell, Bromsgrove S: S. C. Lovion, K Edward VI S, Southampton: R. Madeley, Eton C: J. V. Mason, Sherborne S: N. Parry, Bradfield C: T. P. Rendell, Exmouth S: A. J. Ritson, Cheltenham C: N. J. Rutherford, Tynemouth Sixth Form C: J. H. Thomas, Worthing Sixth Form C: R. B. Thomson, Bannock S: R. K. Tyrell, Wallingford GS: J. H. Verry, Doual S.

Appointed second lieutenants Royal Marines (short service):
D. H. Anderson, Central London Poly: R. J. Armstrong, King's S, Worcester: S. V. Bain, King's S, Worcester: T. W. Battersby, R Latin S: C. J. Beadon, Calvert C: P. Bell, Britannia RN Col: J. J. Bullock, Latymer Upper S: P. Davenport, Plymr GS: N. C. Dawkins, Harvey GS: C. Fox, Woking GGS: G. A. Golfrey, Duke of York's RMS: C. J. Hicks, Sir W. Borlase S: G. J. Horlick, Wellington S: M. J. Moss, King's S, Worcester: J. Reynolds, Bromley C Sec S: C. Richards, Ruyslip Sec: Simon S: V. S. Shaughnessy, Hammond's GS: J. P. Snaden, Sherborne S: R. A. Ward, Lancing C: M. A. Wilkinson, Birmingham Tom S: B. M. Woolerson, R Tarston C.

The following Royal Marines have been appointed second lieutenant Royal Marines (short service):
G. Deleger, S. L. Goodwill, C. T. Rundle, P. Shorrock, T. C. Smith.

Kelly College

The Christmas Term begins today with 251 boys and 25 sixth form girls in the school. Scholarship for girls have been founded to mark the opening of a boarding house for sixth form girls. The centenary appeal has so far raised £74,000, and Conway House, a new boys' boarding house named after HMS Conway, is being opened this term by Admiral Sir Mark Pizey, former C-in-C, Plymouth and an Old Conway. New classrooms and other new buildings have also been completed.

The Bishop of Plymouth will conduct the Confirmation Service on November 23 and term ends after the Carol Service on December 14.

Campion School, Athens

The Christmas Term at Campion School opens on September 19 with a record number of 405 pupils, of whom 115 are now in the Preparatory School, and 37 nations represented. Dr S. A. Bridges (gifted children pioneer) has been appointed Deputy Headmaster/Director of Studies, Mrs L. Kerimis Senior Mistress and Mr E. S. Carrick Under-Master. Paul Malcom is senior prefect, Katherine Hathaway head girl and Scott Alexander captain of tennis. The Greek play for 1976 is the Electra of Sophocles, with Helen Vlachos and Panyotis Papalexis again in the leading parts. Term ends on December 19.

Felixstowe College

The autumn term begins today, with 345 girls in school, 90 in the sixth form. Jane Reeves and Hermione Pool are heads of school. Half-term is from October 31 to November 4 and term ends on December 13.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):

Courtown, eighth Earl of, of Bensonsfield .. £40,704
Herron, Mr Patrick Rowan, of Sutton, Pulborough, Sussex, solicitor .. £143,155
Hubbock, Mr Rupert Edward, of Epsom .. £108,495
Sutcliffe, Mr John Earnshaw, of Headley, Surrey, race horse trainer £40,567
Whiting, Mr Percy Edward, of Walton-on-the-Hill .. £116,430

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, September 15, 1950

Plan for Steel

The Government's intention to proceed with the nationalization of iron and steel was announced yesterday in the House of Commons by the Minister of Supply.

Mr Strauss, giving the names of members of the Iron and Steel Corporation, said that the appointments would be made on October 2 and that the vesting date would be January 1 next, or as soon afterwards as was practicable.

An Opposition motion, which refers to the Government's decision as "needlessly dividing the nation", was tabled last night by Mr Churchill, and when it is debated on Tuesday it will be treated by the Government as a motion of censure on which, if they are defeated, they will resign.

OBITUARY

MR DEREK HALL

An eminent legal historian

Mr Derek Hall, President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, since 1969, died yesterday at the age of 50. He was an eminent legal historian and an energetic and skilled administrator.

George Derek Gordon Hall was born on November 8, 1924. His early years and schooling were in South Shields and he always retained a strong emotional loyalty to the North-East. In the first years of the Second World War he was sent as an evacuee to Appleby Grammar School where he won an Open Scholarship to The Queen's College, Oxford. He studied Modern History and then, after service in the RAF, changed to Law in which he was awarded first-class honours in 1948. In the same year he became a lecturer in Law at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. He returned to Oxford in 1949 as a Fellow of Exeter College where he remained until his election as President of Corpus Christi College. He became an Honorary Fellow of St Cross College, Oxford, in 1974.

He was a man of great learning and judgment and one of the few first-class legal historians in this country. His editions of the twelfth century legal work known as Glanvill and of the thirteenth century registers of writs showed his capacity to handle abstruse problems of Law and to relate technical legal procedures to the actual events in court and in the world outside the courts. Despite the ill-health which plagued him during his last years, he persisted in scholarly work with undiminished vigour and insight. His reviews were models of their kind, demonstrating his wide grasp of legal history and his sympathetic understanding of the problems which face historians.

As a college tutor, Hall stimulated his abler pupils by his clarity and contempt for half-truth. Industrious fools he suffered with tolerant good-humour and he helped them to examination success which nature perhaps had not always intended. His concern was with all undergraduate activities. A very busy man he was never too busy to support undergraduate societies, to encourage College teams, to give patient personal guidance.

Hall made no fashionable pretence of finding administration a bore. A list of the offices which he held in College and University, of the committees on which he served, would be long indeed and few Oxford contemporaries could match his contribution. Before becoming President of Corpus he was perhaps most tested, and most notably successful, when presiding over the General Board of the Faculties in a critical and difficult period, and when Sub-Rector of Exeter in the years of the then Rector's Vice-Chancellorship.

He was an admirable chairman. He quickly grasped essentials and had always done more homework than anyone else. The record might suggest an "establishment" man. This he never was. His early instinct was to discover what "they" were up to, probably nothing useful or helpful to scholarship, and this suspicion never died. He liked efficiency because it best served what alone really mattered, the University as a place of learning.

He believed in service and accepted obligation. The many activities, however, the invariably long hours of work, imposed strain. Without pretension, he was warm-hearted and sympathetic, a good friend, but he was never easy-going. No problems could be shrugged off with second-best answers and temper had to be checked when aroused by the feckless or the self-indulgent.

Shortly after becoming President, he suffered several illnesses that interrupted the continuity of his regime and forced him to contract his numerous activities. Yet within this short space of time he gained the respect of all by his commonsense, his grasp of detail, and his ability to look to the future without surrendering the past.

In 1952 he married Susan, daughter of Vice-Admiral J. W. Carrington.

ELSE WAGNER

Else Wagner, doyenne of the German stage, has died in Berlin. She was 94.

Born in Reval (now Tallin) in 1881, she trained privately in St Petersburg, is fluent in German and French as in Russian, and made her stage debut in Berlin at the Theater der Novitäten in 1901. While working in Hanover (from 1907 to 1911) she was invited by Max Reinhardt to Berlin to play Margaret in Much Ado About Nothing for him. She became a permanent member of his Deutsches Theater in 1911.

A small, frail figure, possessed of few of the attributes of a romantic actress, yet radiating uncommon intelligence, Miss Wagner went on to create a whole series of character roles for him and for such of his successors as Leopold Jessner, Gustav Grundgens, and, most recently at the Schiller Theater, Boleslaw Barlog.

She received the highest praise in her earliest days for her witch-like old Cook in Reinhardt's production of Strindberg's The Pelican and Masha's old gipsy mother in Tolstoy's The Living Corpse. She stayed in Berlin, a member of the State Theatre Ensemble for 24 years, appearing in many eccentric and elderly roles, such as Catherine in The School for Wives by Molière.

She returned to the Deutsches Theatre when it reopened after the war in East Berlin until she moved west again in 1951. At the Deutsches she was seen in such outstanding performances as Frau Miller in Kabale und Liebe, The Nurse in Romeo and Juliet, and Mrs Candour in The School for Scandal. Two contrasting performances of special interest to students of acting were her Aase in Peer Gynt, and again her Martha in Faust I, in both of which she appeared in the east as well as in the west at intervals of about 20 years.

Though condemned by physique and appearance to a limited range of parts, she achieved within it an amazing versatility and comic exuberance, her immistakable east Prussian accent alone remaining unchanged until the end. Leaning on a walking stick, an indispensable prop both to the role and to its interpreter, was her aging Baucis in Ernst Schröder's tumultuous production of Faust II, at the Schiller theatre seven years ago. Her last stage appearance was as Brigid in Joyce's Exiles at the Schlosspark Theater in 1973.

MISS ETHEL GRIFFIES

Miss Ethel Griffies, the veteran actress who appeared in more than 100 films and scores of stage plays in a long career in Britain and the United States, has died in London

Sir John Gielgud writes:

Ethel Griffies was a versatile and stylish actress and a remarkable woman off the stage as well. I first saw her as a tolthy lady with Irene Vanbrugh in Milne's Mr Pim Passes By, and later in other plays in London. As a governess, a ghoul, or a grande dame she always seemed to me equally good. In the 40s she enjoyed a long success in Hollywood, and acted there with Greta Garbo and many other of the great stars of that period. Then she returned to the stage. Her last London appearance (in 1960) was as Albert Finney's grandmother in Billy Liar. Her last in New York in 1966, when she acted with undiminished skill and verve as a tipsy old woman in my production of Chekhov's Ivanov. Though then almost 90 years of age, her timing was exemplary, her memory perfect, and she demanded no privileges. I greatly admired her and feel very proud to have been once associated with her in the theatre which she served so faithfully through a long and distinguished career.

LORD GREENWAY

Lord Greenway died on September 14 at the age of 58. He was the 3rd Baron.

Charles Paul Greenway was educated at Winchester and Cambridge University and commissioned in The Buffs in 1940 and served in the 6th Airborne Division and the 3rd Parachute Brigade in France, India and Palestine.

He married, in 1939, Cordelia Mary, daughter of Major H. C. Stephen. They had three sons. The eldest, The Hon Ambrose Charles Drexel Greenway, succeeds him.

Mgr Antoine Abed, Maronite Archbishop of Tripoli, died yesterday in a Beirut hospital. He was 79. The archbishop, dayen of the Maronite bishops, was consecrated bishop in April, 1933, and named a month later as Archbishop of Tripoli. He was chairman of the diocese committee for the Catholic school in Lebanon.

Lady Brown, widow of Lieutenant-General Sir John Brown, KCB, CBE, DSO, the first Territorial Army officer to reach the rank of lieutenant-general, died on September 15 at the age of 93.

Farmworkers' wives are in a militant mood

Union expects board to respond generously to pay claim today

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

If the Agricultural Wages Board fails to respond generously to the wage claim to be presented today by the National Union of Agricultural Workers it might have a long struggle on its hands. For the first time, the wives of farmworkers are showing signs of militancy and a determination to back their husbands to the hilt for better pay.

The new spirit among wives emerges clearly in a survey by the Low Pay Unit, whose results will be published early next month. It seems to have been mainly caused by many farmworkers finding themselves worse off after the last settlement in July, when they lost entitlement to the family income supplement and faced higher taxes.

The wives are showing resentment that their husbands' low wages are subsidizing the standard of living of the rest of the community when their own is still being eroded.

Mrs Jennifer Ruddle, a farmworker's wife from Bodenham, Wiltshire, said yesterday: "They go on about the country being in such a mess, and having to build up food stocks, but they don't encourage anyone to work to do it."

Mrs Ruddle pointed out that milk was still cheap at 8p a pint, when she knew that people were willing to pay more. But she knew that raising farm prices would not automatically lead to better wages for farmworkers. Her husband and his younger workmates are already beginning to talk about striking.

"The union does not seem to have much go", she said. "The trouble is that the members are too far spread for them to consider striking. But I would certainly back my husband if they came out. It is no life for the children never see him."

Mr Ruddle does not see much of his two children. He works long hours of overtime to earn more than his basic net wage of £27 a week so that the family can manage. At present he is working between 50 and 70 hours of overtime every fortnight. In the winter he works seven days a week.

He is better off than most farmworkers because he belongs to the one third of them classified as craftsmen, which entitles him to wages a tenth higher than the basic rate. But he found himself worse off in July when he got a £2 rise. The Ruddles lost their £1.60 a week family income supplement, and 75p a week for free school meals for their son. Their daughter has just started school and they pay another 75p a week for her school meals. On top of that, Mr Ruddle finds he is paying higher taxes, reducing his overtime earnings by more than half.

Mrs Ruddle said: "The children have never had a holiday and we last had one when we were on honeymoon nine years ago. My husband can never take them out at weekends because he is working. They often ask me when he is going to come home."

Mr Ruddle went into farming because his father was a farmworker. But he and his wife are determined that their own children shall not become farmworkers. He is hindered in trying to find another job because he feels trapped in his tied cottage. His fear is illustrated by what has happened to Mr Donald Carley, another farmworker at Nether Wallop, Wiltshire.

Mr Carley's wife, Bertha, became so ill through the dampness in their tied cottage that they were rehoused by their local council six weeks ago. But their new home is four miles from Mr Carley's job and he now has to spend £2.60 a week on petrol to get to work. It is a large slice out of his net wage of £23 a week. So is the £4.20 rent their flat costs them; their tied cottage cost 30p a week.

Mrs Carley can no longer work because of illness, making their financial plight worse. For most of her life she has worked in catering, even with eight children to bring up. She is now 60, but she will have to wait another 13 years to draw a pension because her husband is younger.

"If only I could get out and get a decent job, or have a pension it would be some relief", she said. "It's just a constant worry. I don't know how they expect us to keep going on these wages."

Her husband once left farming to drive coal lorries. But he hankered for the open air and went back, and Mrs Carley says she rued the day.

"None of my children has gone into farming, thank God. I think there should be a basic wage of £40 a week." She knows that was asking more than the Government's £6 pay rise limit, "but they tax it so much that we need it. I would do anything to back my husband to get a decent wage."

Mr Carley's own health has suffered over the years. Meanwhile his wage has dropped by £3 a week since March. At the same time his income tax has risen from £5 a week.

Their only pleasure now is an evening at the local once a week where they meet friends.

"We can't really afford to go but we force ourselves", Mrs Carley said. "We only have meat once a week now, though it was twice this week because we visited my daughter. We can't afford fresh fruit, and I make do most of the time with things like cheese pies."

Of the 102 wives who took part in the Low Pay Unit survey, two thirds were so frustrated with their poor standard of living that they were determined to prevent their children from going into agriculture. Their determination will be strengthened if the new wage negotiations do not lead to a better deal.



Mrs Jennifer Ruddle, with her husband, a farmworker, in their tied cottage in Wiltshire yesterday. She said: "I would certainly back my husband if they came out."

Science report

Ethology: Stress and kidney disease

Psychosomatic disease is now recognized in humans, although exactly how the stresses on the psyche are transmitted to the soma remains largely unknown. Man, however, shares his social sensitivity, improbably, with the wild rat and recent investigations on social stress in that animal strongly suggest that purely psychological pressures may result in physical damage to the kidneys.

Wild rats usually live in colonies, the members of which probably recognize one another by sense of smell. Certainly colony members are able to identify intruders, and having identified them they respond to them with hostile behaviour. That may include fighting and wounding but often it is largely confined to postures of threat, leaping and chasing. The intruder generally escapes without serious injury, and yet he may collapse and die.

Professor S. A. Barnett, at the Australian National University in Canberra, has made a study of the social habits of wild rats, including the effects of social stress. Those effects include loss of weight, enlargement of the adrenal glands and suppression of the activity of the thyroid gland. All of those normally occur in conditions of physical stress, but they could not account for the rats' deaths.

Other researchers however had observed abnormalities in the kidneys of animals subjected to social stress and it is now clear that kidney disease is associated with the response to social "intolerance" in wild rats.

Professor Barnett and his colleagues set up small groups of rats, consisting of three males or one male and two females, into which they introduced a further rat, the "intruder", after which the group had had time to become stable. Intruders were introduced in the usual way and some of them collapsed and died within a few days. But the striking point was that nearly all of the 38 rats which had been subjected to the pressures of social stress showed signs of kidney disease, whereas there was none in an equivalent group of healthy control rats.

The main abnormality in the kidneys of the stressed rats was a condition known as focal glomerular hypercellularity, probably caused by inflammation. That would not be sufficient to cause death and indeed most of the animals did not die. So the cause of death from social stress remains unknown. But it seems that psychological trauma no less than physical trauma may sometimes have a seriously destructive effect on the body's vital organs.

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THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

LEGGE Locks

olume of retail ales slumps o the lowest level n three years

elwyn Westlake
nsumer spending in the Street is running at its st level for three years in terms. Official figures ished yesterday confirm depressed trend of retail that has become more rent throughout the sum-. They provide yet another ation of the depth of the omic recession.
marginal increase was ded in the Department of stry's index of volume in August, which is provi-ally estimated at 105 1=100), after allowance seasonal influences, com-d with 104.7 in July. But tiny rise is not significant he context of the present k trend of spending.
ne volume of retail sales ng the last three months lower than for any three-th period since the spring 1972. Comparison with the ier months of this year is e difficult by Mr Healy's ll Budget measures; but figures suggest that the me of sales fell by about per cent, or at an annual of almost 24 per cent, be-n March-May and June-ust.
nce the fourth quarter of year the fall is more than 6 cent, and compared with peak of the last business ving at the end of 1973, drop is 6½ per cent.
is sharp drop in the real l of spending is particu-remarkable when set nst the long-run upward d which has characterized nt years. There is no paral-in modern times for a fall any three-month period, pared with the correspond-months a year earlier, let e three years earlier.
r value, however, there was se of 17 per cent in retail nditure during the course he last year, the Depart-t of Industry reveals. It is e clear that rising prices cutting deeply into real chasing power, particularly h the higher indirect taxes posed by the Chancellor.
Earnings are now barely ping abreast of inflation

RETAIL SALES AND HP

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry:

		Sales by volume 1971=100	New credit extended £m
1972		105.8	2,497
1973		110.7	2,871
1974		109.9	2,517
1973	Q1	111.8	761
	Q2	108.3	681
	Q3	110.6	717
	Q4	112.0	712
1974	Q1	109.8	576
	Q2	107.3	614
	Q3	111.0	648
	Q4	111.6	679
1975	Q1	111.5	723
	Q2	108.7	756
September		112.2	217
October		111.4	231
November		112.8	224
December		110.8	224
1975			
January		113.0	246
February		112.3	243
March		109.4	234
April		120.2	271
May		102.5	247
June		104.5	233
July		104.7	246
August*		105.0	—

* Provisional

while the higher direct taxation which is inevitably paid as earnings increase is also helping to reduce real net disposable income.

This trend has already become firmly established, and it is estimated that the Government's pay policy, limiting pay increases to £6 a week, may further reduce general living standards by about 2 to 3 per cent. The effect of this can only be to depress spending still more over the coming months.

Such a fall in demand is almost certain to lead to a further decline in the level of industrial production, which has already dropped extremely sharply, and drive up the level of unemployment.

Only demand for exports or capital investment will mitigate this trend, and there is little optimism for either of these sectors in the short term.

Receiver is called in at Jensen Motors

By Clifford Webb

Another prestige car manufacturer has run into serious financial trouble. Jensen Motors, of West Bromwich, which is 90 per cent owned by Mr Kjel Qvale, has been put in the hands of a receiver appointed by the Bank of America.

The move has been expected since May when Mr Dick Graves, the British deputy managing director and resident chief executive, resigned after a clash with Mr Qvale over the tactics being adopted to counter a severe slump in sales of the seven-litre Interceptor and the two-litre Jensen Healey sports car.

Most of Jensen's 600 employees are on holiday this week and many will not have heard the news. Those still working were angered by a parting broadside fired at the unions.

In a notice posted in the plant, Mr Qvale laid great emphasis on the part the unions had played in bringing about Jensen's downfall.

He blamed "labour problems at Jensen—apparently typical of those in the country as a whole—in which a vociferous minority have achieved success in disrupting the efforts of a basically loyal and hardworking team".

Last December Mr Qvale, a San Francisco businessman who made his fortune selling British sports cars, had a confrontation with the unions when he threatened to shut Jensen unless there was an immediate improvement in productivity.

He said then: "The cashflow situation is about as serious as I am prepared to let it go." Since then the 1,100 strong labour force has been cut to 600 and Mr Qvale has become managing director as well as chairman.

He spent several months in Britain late last year and in the early part of this year, but after Mr Graves's resignation the company has been effectively run by Mr Al Goot, an American member of Mr Qvale's San Francisco staff.

Other factors which Mr Qvale blames for Jensen's plight are the level of inflation in Britain and the country's economic problems, the cost of meeting exhaust emission and safety regulations and the effect of the world oil crisis on sales of big cars.

But his announcement yesterday did end on a slightly optimistic note. He reported that demand had recently improved for Jensen cars, particularly the newly launched GT version of the Jensen Healey.

There was general surprise in the industry, however, at his statement that the companies goes into receivership "with full order books and no unsold cars". This should increase the chances of a buyer being found.

A Jensen spokesman said later: "This unfortunate situation has been precipitated by delay in producing the Jensen GT which was launched some two months ago.

The four main unions at Jensen issued a statement last night promising full cooperation to the receiver in any moves he thought necessary to ensure a future for Jensen.

Last night the receiver appointed, Mr John Griffiths, of the London accountants Blakemore, Elgar said: "It is too early to make any accurate statement of the company's position. I shall make a further statement at a later date."

Aston starts again: Aston Martin is getting back into shape nine months after it went into liquidation. Mr Fred Hartley, general manager of Aston Martin Lagonda (1975), said at the company's Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, plant yesterday: "We expect to be fully back in business by the turn of the year." Five cars would be coming off the line each week, progressing to eight a week.

Just before the factory closed last December, there were 460 workers. Now there were 100, and by the turn of the year there would be 250.



Mr Kjel Qvale: union's role in Jensen downfall emphasized.

Saudi Arabia puts pressure on Opec to delay price rises

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

Saudi Arabia is stepping up diplomatic pressure on its partners in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) for an extension of the nine-month freeze on crude prices until the end of the month.

Oil ministers in the main Opec capitals have been briefed on proposals that Saudi Arabia, the organization's biggest producer will be putting to a ministerial meeting in Vienna next week.

Economic experts employed by Opec began work in Vienna yesterday on drawing up recommendations for a revised pricing structure to come into operation when the nine month freeze ends on September 30.

To back up the diplomatic pressure, Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, has made visits to his counterparts in Iran and Iraq to explain Saudi policy.

During these meetings Shaikh Yamani has said that the world economic situation does not justify yet another increase. According to Opec sources, the more moderate Saudi line has resulted directly from the progress made between Egypt and Israel on the Sinai question.

But Opec observers point out that the Saudis are unlikely to split the organization in an attempt to turn their views into official policy.

Opec members are said to be more conscious of the outside economic and political pressures than they have been in the past and could eventually settle for an increase of between 5 and 10 per cent.

Talks aimed at settling the long negotiations over Kuwait's claims for 100 per cent participation in the Kuwait Oil Company were adjourned at the weekend without apparent progress.

The Geneva meeting between representatives of the Kuwait Government, Gulf Oil and British Petroleum centred on routine operational matters, and the question of compensation to the companies for relinquishing their final 40 per cent [illegible] in KOC did not arise. [illegible] talks are expected in the near future.

Tripoli the Libyan government issued a statement on its future production policy that has caused confusion among the oil companies. Having ordered the groups to reduce their output during September. The government statement said it expected its revenues this month to equal those of July and August.

During these two months production soared to around 2 million barrels a day in the wake of price reductions. But at the beginning of the month Occidental and the Oasis group were ordered to make output cuts totalling more than 500,000 barrels a day.

Tilling selling its VW franchise to Lonrho

By Adrienne Gleeson

Thomas Tilling is to sell Volkswagen (GB), the sole distributor of the West German Volkswagen, Audi and NSU vehicles in the United Kingdom, for £8.68m. As expected, the purchaser is the high-flying overseas trading conglomerate Lonrho, which besides other motor dealerships abroad already has Volkswagen distributorships in Zambia and Nigeria.

The Thomas Tilling subsidiary owning the Volkswagen, Audi and NSU franchises lost money for the first time ever last year, when car sales slumped in the wake of the oil crisis. In reporting its end-year profits, Thomas Tilling said negotiations were in hand with Volkswagenwerk AG which should lead to a reduction in the Tilling funds invested in these franchises.

However, the business has come back into the black since the year-end, with unaudited pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 amounting to £1.5m, while the total for the current year is estimated at £2.8m pre-tax. Last year the pre-tax loss was £1.45m.

This recovery notwithstanding, Thomas Tilling has decided to proceed with its long-term policy of extricating itself from a business "too much governed by factors outside our control". The group was worried about the cyclical nature of the industry, its dependence on the Volkswagen manufacturers for new models, and the vulnerability of imports to exchange rate fluctuations and government action.

Lonrho considers that the business will fit in well with its existing £100m turnover motor distribution business.

It also believes that it has "a very good deal". The consideration amounts to £8.68m, being equivalent to the net tangible asset value of Volkswagen (GB) at end-June, less the payment by the subsidiary to Tilling of a £1.17m dividend, plus £350,000.

The consideration is to be satisfied by the issue of 2.08m Lonrho shares at 125p cum dividend, and the provisional payment of £6.08m, on completion. Tilling has undertaken not to dispose of the Lonrho shares before August, 1976, without the prior agreement of Lonrho.

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Italian banks cut prime rate to 12 pc

From John Earle
Rome, Sept 15

Italy's main banks have announced a cut in their prime rate from 14 to 12 per cent with effect from October 1. This follows the reduction from 7 to 6 per cent in the Bank of Italy's discount rate which came into force today.

The banks were persuaded to cut the cost of money at a meeting last Friday between their representatives and Signor Emilio Colombo, the Treasury Minister.

Their move complements a 4,000,000m lire (about £2,850m) reflationary package to stimulate capital investment and exports which is now before Parliament.

Also the banks have decided to reduce, though in most cases only by a quarter or half a point, the scale of interest rates paid on current and deposit accounts.

These, however, will still preserve a substantial differential with lending charges, as the highest officially agreed rate, on deposit accounts of over 250m lire, will be 7.5 per cent.

A further consequence of the easier money policy is that the interest charge on official short-term credits for export falls from 8.5 to 7.5 per cent.

The Bank of Italy's discount rate was last reduced, from 8 to 7 per cent, on May 27. The penal scale of additional interest charges up to 3 per cent for frequent recourse to the central bank's discounting facilities is maintained unchanged.

The Government has moved over to a policy of reflation to prevent the recession deepening into a slump, with threats of mass unemployment and widespread factory closures this winter.

This bolder course has been made possible by a marked fall in the inflation rate to 15.3 per cent in August from over 25 per cent at the end of last year.

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Joint plan for Israel-British Bank liquidation

By Christopher Wilkins
Banking Correspondent

Creditors of the Israel-British Bank, which faces a deficit of more than £60m, are to be asked to approve a merger of the liquidations of the Tel Aviv-based parent bank and its London subsidiary.

If the proposal goes through it will involve the first such joint international liquidation. It is also expected to mean that unsecured creditors of the London bank will be paid not less than 35 per cent—some £15m—of their claims instead of the 20 per cent indicated earlier. An interim payment of at least 20 per cent could be made early next year.

The plan to merge the liquidations has been drawn up by Mr Alan Wheatley, of Price Waterhouse, the liquidator of IBB (London) and was supported by Mr Josef Milo, the liquidator of IBB in Israel. The concept has already been approved by the Israeli Cabinet.

A formula has been agreed under which the combined assets of the two banks will be divided according to their respective liabilities. Each liquidator will then pay his own creditors out of his share of the assets.

The proposal also involves support from the Bank of England, which will contribute £3m, and the Bank of Israel, which will effectively waive its claim to a DM130m (about £5.3m) deposit placed with IBB (London).

This agreement will clear the air after the dispute last year between the two central banks over which of them should carry responsibility for the failed London subsidiary. The Bank of England argued that the responsibility lay with the Bank of Israel as the central bank of the parent company, but this was questioned by the Bank of Israel.

The Bank of England subsequently established international *agreement to trace the chain* of responsibility in such cases back to the foreign central bank. Having made its point, the Bank has felt it appropriate to make a token gesture in the case of IBB, but the Bank emphasized yesterday that the concession was in no way intended as a precedent.

Third strand of the agreement between the liquidators is to pay in full all small depositors with claims of up to £25,000 against IBB (London). If the proposal goes through, IBB (London) will then give up its sizable claims against IBB of Tel Aviv.

Of the combined deficit of more than £60m, about £35m is attributed to IBB (London). This comprises £44m of liabilities and £9m of assets, although the liabilities would be further reduced by the Bank of Israel's waiver. The creditors number nearly 90 international banks and several hundred small depositors.

A committee of inspection, representing creditors, has unanimously supported the proposals.

Once approval has been obtained Price Waterhouse will head an investigation into the causes of the banks' failure.

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Leyland workers postpone strike over £6 pay limit

By R. W. Shakespeare

A strike by 9,000 British Leyland workers which was expected to begin yesterday over interpretation of the Government's £6-a-week pay policy has been postponed.

But last night shopfloor leaders at the company's five big bus and truck factories in Lancashire made it clear that they intended to continue to contest a Department of Employment ruling that a pay deal signed in July exceeds the pay code.

Meanwhile they will press the company to pay the £6 maximum in full while they appeal to the TUC's vetting committee to support their case that the balance of the money promised in the original agreement should be paid.

The trouble arises from an agreement reached between the management and union negotiators before the pay ceiling became operative. Under this deal, originally due to take effect yesterday most workers would have got increases of £6.50 a week together with a lump sum payment of £52 per head offered by the company as compensation for continuing the restructuring of the pay grades within the bus and truck plants.

When the Department of Employment ruled that the deal did not comply with the pay code, shop stewards called for a ban on overtime and a policy of non-cooperation, and gave warning that an all-out strike would begin yesterday when the plant reopened at the end of a week's holiday.

After a series of shop stewards' meetings, followed by informal shopfloor discussions, the stewards said the strike was postponed and they would be calling for an interim settlement up to the £6 limit.

Later they said they would put their case to a special TUC vetting committee, arguing that the original deal should be allowed because it was part of a continuing process within British Leyland of rationalizing pay structures and agreement on these measures had been reached well before the new pay code was drawn up.

Most workers in the bus and truck plants belong to the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, which has consistently opposed the £6 ceiling.

Meanwhile, British Leyland is faced with the probability of having to stop production at its Land-Rover plant at Solihull, Birmingham, and lay off up to 3,000 workers there within the next 24 hours.

This fresh trouble for the hard-pressed company—which also has trouble over a pay deal at the Austin/Morris car plant at Cowley—stems over a manning dispute from a strike by 250 welders at the Garrison Street, Birmingham, factory which makes chassis units for the Land-Rover assembly plants.

Last night a British Leyland spokesman said: "The Land-Rover assembly plant at Solihull is carrying only limited stocks of chassis units, and it seems inevitable that production will be stopped by Wednesday."

Today senior executives of the American-owned Chrysler car company begin talks with a trade union working party about the company's proposals for worker participation in management and control, including plans for the appointment of two worker directors to the main board.

Although the Chrysler shop stewards have approved the worker participation plans in principle, many of them have serious reservations about the two other elements in the total package proposed by the company.



Well equipped to ace future

following are extracts from the circulated statement of the rman and Managing Director, Mr. W. E. Wrighton:

I am unable to announce increased turnover figures this year due to the economic situation prevailing in this country especially in the Building Industry which affected our business.

Although turnover has been very reasonable under the circumstances at £6,876,106 (£7,006,957) the pre-tax profit decreased to £283,365 (£705,419). Total dividend recommended 9.85% (same).

In the kitchen field new ranges have been introduced and received with enthusiasm by the trade.

The final phase of our factory development programme at Nazeing was completed, and this will stand us in good stead when trade does turn, for we will be ready to meet any increased demand.

Turnover, increased within limits to meet inflation, has continued at a reasonable rate in the circumstances and for the first three months the figures are in excess of last year. It appears that the public is still of the opinion that it is better to buy and equip now rather than later. This view particularly suits our type of market.

es of the Accounts are available from the Secretary, righton & Sons (Associated Companies) Limited, t Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 5DW.

US sales surge again as stocks continue to fall

Washington, Sept 15.—Inventories of American businesses decreased for the sixth consecutive month in July, while sales surged for the fourth month in a row, the Commerce Department said today.

Stocks of all business declined by $569m (about £270m) or 0.2 per cent, in July to a seasonally adjusted $263,890m after having fallen by $425m, or 2 per cent in June. Inventories in July were at their lowest point since September last year.

Sales in the month rose by $3,690m, or 2.2 per cent, to $169,390m.

Oil makes Milford Haven top port in UK

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

Milford Haven, the deep-water oil port established only 15 years ago in the South-west corner of Wales, has become Britain's leading port. Traffic last year—almost entirely oil—rose sharply to nearly 60 million tonnes, while that of London, in second place, fell to 46.2 million tonnes, according to latest statistics* of the National Ports Council.

Milford Haven's growth of over six million tonnes at a time when traffic through Britain's ports generally is falling—2.4 per cent down last year and likely to be 10-20 per cent this year—probably derives from its ability to handle 250,000-tonners away from the congested waters of the Channel, NPC economists said.

London's traffic was down by five million tonnes. Liverpool's rose slightly to 27.8 million, and Southampton's fell by 1,500,000 to 27.5 million tonnes.

If oil traffic is excluded a very different picture emerges with London well in the lead with 18 million tonnes. Tees and Hartlepool follow with 10.3 million, Liverpool with 10.2 million, Immingham with 8,800,000, Manchester with 5,600,000, and Clyde with 5,300,000 tonnes.

On manpower, the NPC report that total employees for the docks industry was down to 71,300 compared with 113,400 in 1969, a decline that has continued and indeed accelerated this year. About half (34,500) were registered dockers.

Container and unit load traffic rose to over 30 million tonnes last year having doubled in five years, out of a total of 368 million tonnes for all traffic, the NPC reports. European traffic was by far the biggest proportion with 12.8 million tonnes followed by 6,400,000 deep-sea and 5,600,000 Irish Sea.

* *Annual Digest of Port Statistics 1947 Vol 1: National Ports Council, Commonwealth House, 1-19 New Oxford Street, London, WC1A 1DZ.* £10.

Drypool Group wage pledge

Efforts continued yesterday to raise money so that work on the 13 vessels under construction at the Drypool Group's Humberside yards can continue. The 1,200 workers were told that their pay was assured for next month.

Mr Robert Smith, the Receiver appointed by the Drypool Group's bankers, is expecting a reply this week from owners who he asked for money so that materials and equipment could be bought and wages paid for the completion of the vessels, worth more than £12m.

R-R Motors' profits up 25pc

Profits of Rolls-Royce Motors rose by 25 per cent to £2.16m in the first half of this year and the group is forecasting that results for the full year "could be better" than the £4.95m recorded in 1974.

The decision has been taken to increase the rate of expansion of car and diesel engine manufacture and to quicken the machine tool modernization programme.

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How the markets moved

The Times index: 135.03 +1.03
The FT index: 321.8 +3.3

Rises

AVP Ind	5p to 51p	Lloyds Bk	4p to 220p
Aust & NZ	9p to 385p	Reckitt & Colmn	7p to 322p
Barclays Bk	5p to 275p	Scdg Forbes	6p to 236p
BP	5p to 525p	Telefusion	3p to 25p
Concrete	4p to 56p	Vickers	5p to 139p
Fisons	8p to 380p	Vlakfontein	5p to 135p
Imp Chem Ind	6p to 271p	Wharf Mill	2p to 20p

Falls

BH South	5p to 145p	MIM Hldgs	8p to 200p
Caravans Int	2p to 13p	Plessey	1p to 71p
Fodens	1p to 15p	Peko Wallsend	20p to 320p
Hammerson	10p to 325p	Rio Tinto Zinc	2p to 157p
Hamersley	5p to 160p	Reyrolle Pans	4p to 58p
Lee Cooper	5p to 70p	Sunley, B.	5p to 138p
Lonrho	4p to 119p	Utd Biscuit	5p to 100p

Equities staged a good recovery from an initial mark down.

Sterling declined by 10 points to $2.1060. The "effective devaluation" rate was 27.4 per cent.

Gold rose by 62½ cents on the day to $148.37½ an oz.

Gilt-edged securities closed firmly.

SDR-$ was 1.18420 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.561845.

Commodities: Reuters' index closed at 1,158.4 yesterday (1,156.5 on Friday).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.70	1.64
Austria Sch	39.75	37.75
Belgium Fr	85.50	82.75
Canada $	2.20	2.15
Denmark Kr	12.95	12.55
Finland Mkk	8.20	7.95
France Fr	9.55	9.25
Germany DM	5.60	5.40
Greece Dr	70.75	68.50
Hongkong $	10.85	10.45
Italy Lr	1535.00	1495.00
Japan Yn	645.00	620.00
Netherlands Gld	5.75	5.55
Norway Kr	11.95	11.60
Portugal Esc	59.00	56.00
S Africa Rd	1.82	1.71
Spain Pes	125.00	120.00
Sweden Kr	9.50	9.20
Switzerland Fr	5.80	5.60
US $	2.15	2.10
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.25	38.25

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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UK spends £100,000 on visit by US businessmen

By David Young

More than £100,000 is to be spent by the Government in entertaining a party of 21 leading industrialists from the United States on a 10-day visit to Britain, designed by the Department of Industry as an "opinion-forming" exercise.

The party of chairmen and presidents, accompanied by their wives, will begin their visit in Glasgow on Thursday. They will concentrate on the development areas of Scotland, the North East and Wales.

Mr Wilson, the Prime Minister, will meet the party and they will have a flight in Concorde from Prestwick on Sunday.

The Department of Industry says the purpose of the visit will be to ensure that the businessmen involved, many of whom are also non-executive members of large corporations, are shown that the industrial situation in Britain is not as bleak as is made out by certain sections of the American media, and that opportunities for increased or new investment do exist.

But the timing of the visit is potentially embarrassing with the threat of a national stoppage in the steel industry, particularly as the party are to spend next Thursday in South Wales.

The visit, the idea of Mr Felix Mansager, the retiring chairman of Hoover, and a self-confessed Anglophile, was postponed until now because of the Referendum on the European Community. The Government considered it essential that any American company investing in Britain should have access to the European market.

Mr Mansager, who will lead the party, became concerned about the image of Britain in the United States and suggested to the Government that such a party of businessmen should be given the opportunity to see for themselves

The experience of his own company in Britain during the past 28 years, apart from last year's labour problems in Scotland and Perivale, has convinced Mr Mansager of the advantages of operating here.

On Friday the party will visit East Kilbride and Newhouse and later have dinner in Glasgow with the Scottish Council. On Saturday after a presentation on energy in Glasgow the Scottish Secretary will entertain the party at Edinburgh Castle.

The party will visit Teesside on Monday, Tyneside on Tuesday and on Wednesday will have a day in London discussing the industrial situation with Government ministers and officials, trade union representatives, and industry and banking leaders.

Japan planning $5,000m public spending to 'wipe out recession'

Tokyo, Sept 15.—Mr Takeo Fukuda, Deputy Prime Minister of Japan, said in an interview today that the government had decided to take drastic measures to stimulate business and to "wipe out the recession".

Mr Fukuda, who is also head of Japan's economic planning agency, said the government would soon begin pumping the equivalent of between $5,000m (£2,400m) and $6,700m into the economy. The spending programme would be largely financed by a new government bond issue.

He predicted that the programme would take the country's annual growth rate to six per cent for the second half of the current fiscal year, ending on March 31.

The decision to stimulate the economy represents the end of a prolonged tight-credit period. That programme concentrated on holding down prices and balancing Japan's international payments position. But it also brought unprecedented low growth and a record number of corporate bankruptcies.

Last year Japan's gross national product fell by 0.6 per cent. It was the first decline since the Second World War.

Mr Fukuda thought the economy would grow by 1.8 per cent during the fiscal first half, ending on September 30. It grew by only 0.8 per cent during the first quarter.

Although Mr Fukuda is confident that the government can quickly pull Japan out of its recession, many businessmen and bankers here think the government should have moved months ago. Some think it will be the middle of next year before the economy begins a real turnaround, no matter what the government does.

In his interview Mr Fukuda also pledged that the economic recovery would not be accompanied by a new round of inflation. He did not expect any major new bankruptcies, but he gave a warning that a large increase in imported oil costs could undermine the planned recovery.

Mr Fukuda added that huge government spending was necessary because it was unlikely that manufacturers could count on increased exports, consumer spending or capital expenditures to pull them out of the present slump, as they had in past recessions.

He had at first expected exports to rise by about 15 per cent this year. But because worldwide demand remained sluggish, exports would fall by about 10 per cent. Some private bankers were predicting that real personal consumption would be about the same this year as it was last year and that capital spending, reflecting excess capacity, would fall.

The government would have to resort to a new bond issue to finance the spending programme because tax revenues were running far below expected levels. "We can't raise taxes", Mr Fukuda said. Instead, the government would ask the people to "save money, buy bonds".

In the past, ministers have been reluctant to add to the national debt. It currently stands at about $50,000m.

Mr Fukuda said the new spending programme would concentrate on public works. Additional details may be disclosed tomorrow when Mr Takeo Miki, the Prime Minister, addresses Parliament or later this week after a Cabinet meeting on the economy.

The government was able to move against the recession at this time because it had largely succeeded in curbing price increases, Mr Fukuda said. The wholesale price index had risen by only 0.7 per cent during the 12 months ended on August 31 and the consumer price index currently was rising by about 10 per cent a year. In late 1973 and early 1974 wholesale prices had been rising by more than 30 per cent a year and consumer prices by more than 20 per cent.

Japan's international payments were at present in balance compared to 18 months ago, when the country was running an annual deficit of about $13,000m. — AP-Dow Jones.

Ilford may lay off up to 90 pc staff

Ilford, the Ciba-Geigy-owned photographic materials company, has warned the workforce at its Brentwood and Basildon plants that because of high film stock levels there may be substantial lay-offs for a six-week period beginning in October.

The lay-offs will affect administrative and production staff, and discussions are going on this week with Department of Employment about the situation.

The company decided to give advance warning of the possibility of lay-offs to its workforce and their trade union representatives to avoid confusion and rumour, but it is not yet known how many workers will be affected.

The trade unions involved, the engineers, electricians and managerial staffs, have been told that in some cases as many as 90 per cent of their membership could be affected by the lay-offs, although at this stage the company has not finally decided on its plans.

Ilford, which exports around two-thirds of its output, lost £4.27m before tax in 1974 after being £2.13m in profit the year before.

Applications for 13 price rises turned down

A total of 103 price rise applications has been rejected by the Price Commission since Stage Four began on December 20 last year, 13 of them during August. In addition the Commission modified 85 price rise applications during August and 36 were withdrawn by the companies involved.

During last month the Commission had discussions with 11 medium-sized companies who agreed to make price reductions worth £680,000 in order to bring them back within their profit margins allowed under the Price Code.

The Commission's local officers secured similar agreements form 59 smaller companies to make price reductions worth £1.92m and 77 individual voluntary price reductions

Swiss snake decision

Berne, Sept 15.—Switzerland would not take a decision on entry into the European currency snake until after the September 22 meeting in Brussels of finance ministers and central bankers of the joint float countries which Swiss officials will attend.

EEC and S Korea try again for textile pact

Brussels, Sept 15.—Representatives of South Korea and the European Economic Community today resumed their efforts to come to terms on a textile agreement under which South Korean textile exports to the EEC would be subject to annual quantitative ceilings.

The textile discussions began about the middle of this year and negotiators have met at three previous rounds of talks without reaching agreement. EEC sources said the quantitative ceilings for individual products were the main stumbling block.

The Community is seeking to work out an agreement similar to the one it concluded with Hongkong in July.

Under this, Hongkong agreed to export quotas on numerous textile products made of cotton and synthetics, especially outerwear and underwear.

Hongkong officials are due to meet EEC representatives tomorrow to discuss some problems which arose for Hongkong from the fact that substantial orders were placed before the agreement with the Community went into effect and which are held up because quotas are not available.

EEC sources indicated that the Community might give favourable consideration to Hongkong's problems and seek ways to help its textile exporters. They said they expected the talks with South Korea and Hongkong to last all this week.—AP-Dow Jones.

Patricia Tisdall writes: Import duties have been reimposed on a further range of Portuguese textiles. New duty rates effective from today will be between 9 and 9.6 per cent on a range of woven fabrics of man-made fibre and will remain in force until December 31.

The categories listed by the Department of Trade yesterday are in addition to the duties imposed on men's, women's and children's outerwear manufactured in Portugal and announced in July.

The action has been taken after strong representations from the British textile industry. It has been made under the safeguard provisions of the Free Trade Agreements with Efta countries.

Argentine peso devalued for sixth time

Argentine yesterday devalued the peso by 3 per cent, its sixth devaluation this year. Señor Antonio Cafiero, the economy minister, said that similar small devaluations are likely in the future. He ruled out any repeat of the drastic devaluations of earlier this year, which included a 50 per cent drop in the peso's dollar parity in June.

The move is the latest in a series of measures which are designed to get the country onto an even economic keel and to break the cycle of inflation, which ran at 35 per cent in the month of July alone. The most pressing problem facing the government are the country's external debts, which total $10,000m and which will involve payments of $3,000m this year alone.

Last week it was announced that the country has secured international loans totalling $1,600m

Pilots forego $2m

Pilots and flight engineers of Pan American World Airways say they will give up $2m in wages in order to save the jobs of 175 flight engineers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Economic forecasting

From Mr A. P. Budd

Sir, The profound silence that has greeted Mr Congdon's article of August 28 ("A lesson from the Treasury on how to be precisely wrong") should not be taken as indicating assent to his arguments and assertions. In brief Mr Congdon argues that the Treasury and other "Keynesian" forecasters have made serious forecasting errors in recent years because their models do not include monetary variables. He chooses as examples the Treasury's forecasts of unemployment and inflation.

It so happens that, rightly or wrongly, the Treasury does not publish forecasts of either, so that Mr Congdon must rely on a remark in the Budget speech for an unemployment forecast (incidentally unemployment has not yet reached one million on the definition generally used by forecasters) and on speculation about the Treasury's thoughts for an inflation forecast.

However, let us accept, for the purposes of argument, that forecasting errors have been made. Mr Congdon sees these errors as arising inevitably from the pre-scientific, astrological, methods of the "Keynesian" forecasters, forced to use "hunch, speculation and a great deal of amateur psychology" and to rely on "assumptions, mostly political assumptions, plucked out of the air". The brave new era of science will emerge when monetary variables are included.

Alas, if only it were so easy. In practice, if and when relationships including monetary variables are introduced they will probably increase, not reduce, the amount of hunch and speculation required. Past attempts have produced equations with very poor predictive qualities. There is not even agreement about which monetary aggregate to use. Forecasting will certainly not become scientific overnight.

Mr Congdon seems baffled by the absence of monetary variables and suggests that it is because monetarism has only one equation, that which links the money supply and the money national income. That is only part of the truth; forecasters would have welcomed any additional aid in their task. (Mr Congdon does not seem to realise that forecasting money national income is not the same as forecasting inflation, but never mind).

The important point is that during this period the monetarists did not provide a coherent quantitative model which could be used either for forecasting or policy analysis. The burden of specifying and estimating monetary equations will fall largely on the Treasury and the "Keynesian" forecasters.

The alleged forecasting successes, in one brief period, of the monetary economists are rather like the reported successes of the weather forecasters who, equipped only with seaweed and an alarm clock, are better than the meteorological office. The trouble is that we seem to hear about a different one each time.

Forecasting is a gruelling task which must be repeated time after time and judged over an extended period. The lessons of forecasting and policy-making over recent years (and the promptings of the monetarists) have rightly stimulated research into the quantitative importance of monetary variables; but to imply that the neglect (which was not nearly as complete as Mr Congdon seems to think) of monetary variables was the result of intellectual obscurantism and that a bright new day will dawn when they are included is a profound error, which will lead to grievous disappointment.

Yours faithfully,
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London, NW1.

State's need to advertise on TV

From Mr N. S. Strauss

Sir, It has clearly been embarrassing for the Government not to be able to use the most powerful advertising medium—namely television—to support its anti-inflation campaign. As worded the IBA code of advertising standards and practice cleary prevents such use.

From the country's point of view it is quite wrong that an important social objective cannot use every weapon available to realize its attainment. So far as one can see, the three major political parties are currently in agreement with the broad thrust of the Government's anti-inflation goals. They would presumably be in favour of a television advertisement which reasonably represented those goals.

If British democracy needs the anti-inflation policy to succeed in order for it to survive then a way must surely be found to permit the use of television advertising and the forceful, and essentially simple, methods of communication that its practitioners know well how to employ.

Surely the solution is simple. Point 9 of the IBA code has to apply unless the three major political parties collectively agree that a particular advertisement is acceptable for showing. Under such a procedure there could be no risk of a government using political advertising to make a purely party point.

There is no reason to suppose that the need for the Government to communicate with the electorate simply and forcefully will diminish in the future. If advertising is deemed to be the most suitable tool for this social requirement then I urgently submit that a proposal along the lines I have suggested should be discussed and implemeared.

Yours faithfully,
N. S. STRAUSS,
105 High Road,
Willesden,
London, NW10.
September 10.

VAT charges on parcel post

From Mr R. G. Robinson

Sir, Concerning Mr Macmiadhachain's complaint (Sept 8), the Finance Act, 1972, Section 13 in conjunction with Schedule 5, Group 3, Item 1, says that the conveyance of postal packets by the Post Office is exempt. There are no "ifs or buts" and not even a "provided that . . .".

From the start the Customs and Excise have been trying to maintain that if a postage charge passes through a third party in the process of collection, then it becomes taxable, and they laid this down in their Notice No 701 (VAT Scope and Coverage), which of course does not have any force to supersede the law.

Back in 1973 a voluntary organization with which I am connected challenged this charge. At the end of long (and regrettably somewhat acrimonious) correspondence, much of which was in my view quite irrelevant to the main issue of whether postage is taxable and showed a tortuous logic which could emanate only from a Government department collecting tax, HM Customs and Excise gave way, although seeking a face-saver by claiming that the particular case differed from the normal. While not convinced that it did, we accepted the situation and left it for someone else to pursue the more general case.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. ROBINSON,
Greystones,
Wallcrouch,
Near Wadhurst,
Sussex.
September 14.

Govern initiativ patents

From Mr J. C. H. E

Sir, On October 1973, respectively, lished letters from attention to two features in the pre Community patent for discussion in

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These two amen in a satisfactory two main objecti Community patent is worth noting could hardly have duced into the co for the initiativ Majesty's Governm JOHN C. H. ELLIS, Meadowbrook, Chase Lane, Haslemere, Surrey.

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From Mr G. M. F

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G. M. FRAMPTON,
Brook House,
Tickhill,
Nr Doncaster.

Mortgages

From Mr G. M. Fulft

Sir, It is customary societies to give sev notice of intended interest rate to their

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Warning on Celtic Sea oil search

By Derek Harris

With signs of the Celtic Sea search for oil and gas gearing up next year, a survey* by the South West Economic Planning Council concludes that initial economic and social effects in their region will be relatively small. Only three ports would meet all criteria for supply bases—Falmouth, Fowey and Plymouth.

The council's working party estimates that the supply of berths will be just sufficient to cope with expected demand, although eventual activity is likely to be below the North Sea level. Celtic Sea potential is being put at one seventh that of the North Sea area.

Oil companies are warned against exclusive-use agreements so as to avoid underuse of the scarce berths. The council also urges the provision of adequate back-up land, particularly at Plymouth, and suggests priority for road improvements at Falmouth and Plymouth.

A slow build-up of activity in the Celtic Sea is expected. Up to three rigs could be operating there during this year and possibly three next year. Of 28 test wells due to be drilled by 1978 under licences already given, only two have been done and both proved dry.

Drilling under a new round of licensing was likely to have more effects onshore in the region and could start in 1977. Five or six rigs might then be operating.

If commercial discoveries were made, there would be five to six year periods of development for each field with "oil communities" of mainly imported specialist workers springing up in the region.

Even then the survey doubts whether the impact would be on anything like the scale of that of the North Sea operation on some north-east Scottish areas.

But economic and social demands would increase—engineering support and lesser skilled labour were instances—although the West country was already accustomed to coping with large inflows of people.

The survey argues that a semi-permanent "oil community" was "very unlikely to reach the size where it would have a significant economic or social impact".

* *The Implications of Off-Shore Oil and Gas for the South West*, South West Economic Planning Council, Froomsgate House, Rupert Street, Bristol BS1 2QN).

22pc quarterly rise in catering trade turnover

Turnover of the catering trade during the three months ended July was 22 per cent up on the same period in 1974. The index issued by the Department of Industry yesterday shows slightly more growth in earlier months. But this is attributed largely to increases in prices rather than volume growth.

The largest increase was of 25 per cent for public houses, the biggest single component in the index. Restaurants, cafés and fish and chip shops increased their turnover by 18 per cent, hotels reported an increase of 17 per cent and canteens an increase of 16 per cent.

Cable and Wireless share in £22m contract

Cable and Wireless, the British Government-owned international telecommunications group, was one of three companies to sign a final agreement in Manila yesterday covering the construction and maintenance of a £22m submarine cable linking Okinawa, the Philippines and Hongkong.

The other companies involved are Kokusai Denshin Denwa of Japan and Eastern Telecommunications Philippines. Letters of intent have already been sent to Standard Telephones and Cables in London and Nippon Electric in Tokyo for the manufacture of the cable. The system is due to be completed in 1977.

1,500 engineers end strike at Babcock plant

A decision to return to work today was taken yesterday by the 1,500 engineers who have been on strike for nearly five weeks at the Babcock and Wilcox works, Renfrew, Scotland. A recommendation by the shop stewards that they should "continue the struggle" was defeated.

The strike which has brought production almost to a standstill was about a claim for an extra 4p an hour which some welders got under certain conditions. The engineers claimed a wage differential had been established. Mr George Grant, convener, said they would negotiate with the firm.

Business appointments

Mercantile Credit makes board changes

Now that Barclays Bank's offer for Mercantile Credit Company's share capital has become unconditional, the following changes have been made to the Mercantile board: Mr Daniel Meinertzhagen retires as both chairman and director; Mr R. B. Dawson retires on reaching 70; Mr N. G. E. Dunlop, chief executive of Commercial Union, retires now that the assurance company is no longer a major shareholder of Mercantile Credit; Mr A. Victor Adey has been made chairman and managing director of the company; Mr J. G. Quinton, a general manager of Barclays Bank, becomes non-executive deputy chairman; Mr S. G. Errington, director of Mercantile Credit, and Mr S. E. J. Kemp, a regional general manager of Barclays Bank, are appointed joint deputy managing directors. Mr Adey and Mr Quinton also join the the board of Barclays Bank UK Management.

Mr M. E. Rich will retire as deputy chairman and director of Consolidated Gold Fields on October 2.

Mr N. J. T. Munro has become chief executive of Electronic Machine Company. Mr B. Adams has resigned as a director.

Mr J. S. McCarthy has been made chief executive of Fitzwilton.

Mr M. B. Gifford is to become chief executive of Cadbury Schweppes Australia from September 26. He succeeds Mr T. R. Auchincloss. Mr Gifford was previously managing director of the Australasia operations of International Computers. Mr Auchincloss, as a member of the main board of Cadbury Schweppes, has now completed his assignment in Australia and is advising on company planning. Mr P. Pandhi becomes chairman of Cadbury-Fry (India) Private. Mr W. D. McPhie has been made managing director of Cadbury-Fry (India) Private and Mr J. A. Miller is to be managing director of Cadbury Ghana. Mr G. D. E. Chaloner of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York has been appointed Cadbury Schweppes nominee on the board of Kanebo Cadbury, Japan. Mr B. J. Cork becomes managing director of Cadbury Foods Jamaica. Mr P. M. Dayton, formerly managing director of Cadbury Foods Jamaica, becomes a director and secretary of Connaught Wines and commercial director of Courtenay Wines (International).

Mr M. Mendelsohn, Mr P. R. Davis and Mr R. C. Patten have joined the board of Dowgate and General Investments. Mr N. E. W. Wright and Mr G. A. Yablon have resigned.

Mr D. J. Bunyan, chief international executive, International Westminster Bank and Europe, has been made senior executive vice-president and Mr C. Cathles, senior international executive of the present Americas region, becomes executive vice-president of National Westminster Bank's new executive office in New York. Mr R. R. Erbrich, senior regional manager, Americas region, becomes senior international executive and Mr P. J. Harrold becomes senior regional manager of the newly formed Latin America region.

Mr R. H. White is to be secretary to the board of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group after the retirement of Mr J. W. Agate. Mr C. G. Clark becomes the bank's economist in London.

Mr D. Douglas-Home has become deputy chairman of the Arab and Morgan Grenfell Finance Co. Mr W. J. Hopper and Mr R. J. R. Owen have succeeded Sir Stewart Crawford and Mr W. P. Higman as Morgan Grenfell appointees to the board.

Datasaab/CTL maintenance d

Computer news

Datasaab, the United Kingdom subsidiary of the computer systems division of the Swedish Saab-Scania group, is to use the resources of Computer Technology (CTL) of Hemel Hempstead for the maintenance of Datasaab computer installations in the United Kingdom.

Under a joint maintenance association recently agreed by the two companies, CTL will handle the complete field maintenance of Datasaab's existing product range, starting in November. The Swedish company will retain a group of installation, commissioning and support engineers.

This gives Datasaab access to an established field engineering organization of over 100 people, whose average response time to CTL users throughout the United Kingdom is claimed to be 2½ hours.

Computer Technology's field service organization is based on eight regional service centres and 10 area offices. For the British company the association gives economies through the sharing of overheads between the two companies' customers.

The joint deal follows a growing marketing effort in Britain by Datasaab, which resulted in an order book approaching £1m in mid-1975. The choice then lay between recruiting more maintenance staff or using an established computer manufacturer's field service operation.

The association is announced today by Mr Derek Broome, managing director of CTL, and Mr Tony Checksfield, managing director of Datasaab.

For cash and carry

Orders worth more than £500,000 have been received by Real Time Control of Watford for a new minicomputer-based warehousing system which has been developed in association with Nurdin & Peacock, the cash and carry wholesaler.

Designed for the cash and carry industry, the system uses a Data General minicomputer to control checkout points, cash collection, warehouse stocks, goods inwards and goods labelling.

First installation will be at Nurdin & Peacock's Reading warehouse early next year.

Agfa/Calcomp link

Agfa-Gevaert is to handle the marketing, support and service for the Calcomp 2100 alpha-numeric COM (computer output on microfilm) printer line in western Europe, except in Italy.

This cooperation is expected to extend to the marketing by Calcomp of Agfa-Gevaert microfilm products in the United States, and joint development of future COM printer systems is a possibility.

IBM's new mini

A new "portable computer" weighing 50lb and costing between $9,000 and $20,000 (about £4,000 to £9,500) has been announced by International Business Machines.

Initially the machine is to be marketed in the United States and Canada only. No indication has yet been given of the likely date of its introduction into Europe.

Known as the IBM computer is being p 12 models, using eith the programming APL and Basic.

Special libraries of contained on magn cartridges include rou able for business mathematics; and sta

Personnel systen

Software Sciences borough, has gained a contract from Barclays the development of a personnel information power planning syste will run on one of th IBM 370 computers.

Both Software Scie Barclays staff will be to the project. It fo feasibility study which mended a centralised system, with on-line acc remote locations using purpose inquiry langua BASIL (Barclays advan information language).

An important featur system will be its al analysis personnel rec

For process cont

Honeywell has introd Europe a process cont puter known as the HS is an extension of the computer line acquire General Electric (US. year.

The system is ain medium-scale and lar process applications petroleum, petrochemica trical utilities and industries.

Kenneth



BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Alternative views on the VW franchise

mas Tilling's decision to get of the Volkswagen, Audi NSU franchises has to be n in the context of the deci- to concentrate on cash con- ration which the chairman punced back in April. mas Tilling had a bad scare these franchises in the pre- ng year, when after a period ng which stocks rose at a idable rate, some savage ring had to be understaken. s it was balance sheet con- rations rather than the fact the distributing subsidiary slipped into the red for the time ever which lay be- the "long-term" decision ispense with it.

fter stripping out the bor- ings relating to the business, ng's gearing is some £12m he good on the exercise— ming that Lourho's shares hold their current level. it is a sign of the times Tilling's own share price ld harden on a decision to a newly profitable subsid- at little more than twice re-tax earnings.

urho itself reckons that the plus which it is expecting the new business this year be sufficient to bring its ed Kingdom earnings up to ificant proportions, but with group declining to give any kdown of its "Europe and r" profits £5.68m last year, finance charges—that is a f which is not susceptible omment. In the context of £50m-plus pre-tax profit to ected for the current the contribution from this subsidiary is hardly signi- nt; and the share issue will te little dilution of hold- unchanged since the as" offer document was ed.

it the deal could prove to be shrewd if one City theory roved correct. This is that rho is banking on the man Volkswagen, on the ern established earlier this by Daimler-Benz in rela- to the Mercedes Benz fran- e held by Tilling, might at e point in the future buy in verseas distributorships. In case Lourho would merely buying marks, two years ard.



Mr Ian Fraser, chairman of Rolls-Royce Motors: exports now take 60 per cent of car output.

A gains poise

er taking something of a in the second half of last r as profits from friction terials wear sharply into re- se and the group moved to its loss-making mechanical idling operations straight, A has recovered much of its se in the opening six months the current year. So ough a pre-tax figure of m may not look anything rial against the £2.4m for an ing half of 1974 that took e three-day week, it repre- s a considerable improve- on the £1.7m notched up e second six months last

t that conditions on the notive supply front can been easy, either in the d Kingdom or Germany, ve now have a clearer idea st what BBA meant when d earlier this year that it dapted itself well to pre- conditions. The outcome, is that profits have im- d both at home and over- with the profits of the d Kingdom companies ng a rise (first half on half) from £828,000 to 00 and those of the over- ompanies—despite a drop 192,000 to £148,000 in the ite contribution — from to £1.74m.

or the second half, BBA is that there should be erioration in its position looking for second-half much in line with those

for the first six months. In other words, a pre-tax figure approaching £5.5m looks a reasonable proposition for the full year, throwing up a prospective p/e of around 7 with the shares at 55p. With a prospective yield of 7½ per cent, assuming a maximum increase in this year's dividend, the shares should be set to perform at least as well as the market given BBA's strength in both the German and United States markets.

Interim: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £18.6m
Sales £38.2m (£31.1m)
Pre-tax profits £2.71m (£2.42m)
Dividend gross 1.333p (1.175p)

United Biscuits

Keebler's full contribution

United Biscuits' shares have been a notably strong performer against the market this year, but yesterday's interim figures did not match the most optimistic assumptions, and the shares ended the day 5p lower at 100p. Nevertheless, it is difficult to fault a jump in pre-tax profits of 87 per cent, even taking into account full consolidation of Keebler which would make a favourable first quarter comparison with last year.

But there appeared to be some concern about the United Kingdom divisions, which managed a modest 13 per cent increase in trading profits after a 29 per cent surge in sales. The sales increase represented across-the-board price increases of about 36 per cent, combined with a fall in volume of 5 per cent.

Margins, then, slipped significantly under the pressure of some swingeing cost increases which hopefully represent the worst that are likely to befall the group in the foreseeable future. Raw materials alone rose by a staggering 42 per cent, with wages not far behind. But since then raw material prices, with some exceptions, have shown sharp declines, and UB's predictions of an overall increase in material cost of less than a quarter for the year as a whole illustrates this.

Moreover, volume is beginning to look more cheerful. The first half suffered a drop off in sales during the hot summer months, and this was magnified by destocking throughout the retail and catering trades. So, despite fears that wage restraint may affect discretionary spending this winter, the group appears fairly confident of a good recovery in United Kingdom volume.

Overseas, Keebler continues to move ahead, turning in £4.6m profit for a fully-consolidated six months against £0.9m for the previous partially-consolidated comparable period. But in the second half of last year it made £4m, and there should be some further growth there this year as the United States turns up. Meanwhile, the group's Spanish subsidiary is proving more difficult than expected to turn round. The interim loss of £750,000 has no tax offset and comes straight through to earnings. On the broad view, though, there are some solid reasons for holding the shares, although the price is in step with the possibilities; the yield is a forecast 4.4 per cent and the p/e ratio 84.

Interim: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization: £96.3m
Sales: £215m (£145m)
Pre-tax profits: £8.2m (£4.4m)
Dividend gross: 2.175p (1.772p)

Rolls-Royce Motors

Expansion plans

Rolls-Royce Motors' sales were ahead by 37 per cent at the interim stage, which reflects volume growth from both the car and diesel operations. But despite a strike-free period the group is still being held back by capacity shortages which have meant some rationing of the home market for cars to allow exports to expand. These now account for 60 per cent of car output, with American off-take running at record levels.

R-RM will be spending some £3m on investment this year, partly on modernization and partly on new capacity, which is an improvement on the previous year's much reduced £1.9m, but not enough to make much appreciable difference to output in the present year. So capacity working, except perhaps on subdued "other products" side, seems assured at least for the rest of this year and despite some erosion of margins the first half growth of a quarter should be a pointer to a strong second half as well. Beyond this year, the decision has been taken to step up the rate of expansion, the objectives being a 7-10 per cent annual growth in car capacity and a rather more rapid 18-20 per cent on the diesel side.

But while buoyant demand has meant some cutting back of the historically high stock levels prevailing last year-end, and while the group has also had the £2m of rights issue proceeds at its disposal, the best that can be said as far as working capital is concerned is that the heady rise of the past couple of years has only slowed down. Most of the overdrafts have been switched into ECGD-backed bill finance, which is slightly cheaper and makes the balance sheet look cleaner, but overall borrowings are none the less a little higher.

Not that gearing ratios are currently any cause for concern, but the implication of an expanded investment programme could be a further borrowing requirement. For the moment, however, that should not detract from the solid value of the shares at 55p, where the yield is 9.8 per cent assuming an unchanged net dividend on the post-rights capital.

Interim: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £23.1m
Sales £34.4m (£25.2m)
Pre-tax profits £2.16m (£1.72m)
Dividend gross 2.31p (2.24p)

Maurice Corina

Llanwern's breath-taking blow to the BSC

Production control executives were last night putting the finishing touches to an urgent report to be placed this morning on the desk of "Black Bob" Scholey, chief executive of the financially-distressed British Steel Corporation. It will be an appraisal of the priorities for allocating steel supplies to customers against the progressive loss of capacity threatened by the Llanwern blastfurnace debacle.

Earlier, at 5 pm, Mr Scholey (two years ago he said of Llanwern: "The plant has been racked by stoppages and industrial relations have become so bad that management and unions despair at their inability to agree") announced to the corporation's bewildered customers and creditors that plans for winding down integrated plants were being made for next Monday.

So, this morning, purchasing managers throughout British industry will be rechecking their steel stocks and taking out options with stockholders, including agents for foreign products eagerly waiting with order books to seize business that they need just as badly as BSC.

The stocks position is said to be patchy and, while corporation executives feel that industry has enough in hand for 19 weeks, some skilled observers think that that is optimistic. Few buyers have been financing extra stocks in these tight days.

Mr Scholey yesterday defended the strategic planning for a rundown: "We can't run the corporation on the basis of 'we'll see what the lads will do'." There was the plain fact that you could not work the Llanwern plant without iron from the blastfurnace operations.

Men on Teesside had already taken some action; but what was to happen at Corby, Shotton, Port Talbot and Scunthorpe were matters under consideration in the situation report he wanted on his desk today.

Assuming widespread trouble, BSC hopes to feed the market for as long as possible with rationed allocations. Facilities in Scotland and Sheffield should be able to continue, but what mills can work, if the National Union of Blastfurnacemen maintains its intransigence, is still in the realms of speculation.

The history of the Llanwern pay dispute has been well-documented elsewhere, but it turns on the willingness of the 13,000-strong independent National Union of Blastfurnacemen, under its general secretary Mr Hector Smith, to put a reasonable price on working a new generation of furnaces, to engage in job evaluation and arbitration and to work alongside other unions in rescuing the British steel industry from the neglect of past investment decisions.

Mr Smith and his colleagues know well enough the stark realities of international competition—or ought too. He led a deputation, sponsored by the corporation, which went to Japan to see why it was necessary to build the new £65m furnace to replace two existing ones. With the corporation losing £6m a week and meeting its wages bill only by borrowings, Mr Smith has nevertheless said he would be prepared "to eat grass" than settle on the present offer of an eventual maximum of £100.15p a week.

This then is the end result of negotiations that have taken place since June, 1974, over the Llanwern "jumbo" iron-making furnace—a period during which the corporation has plunged from profit to recession and huge losses.

Like it or not, the blastfurnacemen are dealing a shattering blow to national confidence and international creditworthiness (few have spotted that Llanwern's new blast furnace was part financed by the European Investment Bank and future borrowings are now dependent on overseas sources and Treasury sanction). Steel customers are fed up with uncertainty, and part of the reason for past high imports is the need to arrange alternative sources of supply.

The facts are stark enough. Huge loans totalling about £725m have to be raised in the current financial year if the corporation is to pay its wage bills and finance essential capital schemes. That figure must be measured against the Chancellor's Budget estimate that borrowings would be £420m, though the Treasury has recently revised the figure up to £550m.

In June the Treasury warned the corporation that it would have to show good reason why the steel industry should have a priority call on scarce resources at a time of economic crisis.

The corporation desperately needs extra revenue but it cannot, like other state industries, push up prices because of the state of competition and surplus capacity among competitors. Heavy borrowing to bridge the gap simply piles up huge interest bills.

Only two years ago the corporation found three quarters of its capital from its own resources.

The pressure for new economies is thus enormous. Hence the call for speeding up redundancies postponed by the Beswick review. A £100m-a-year savings plan worked out with trade union cooperation had been virtually rendered useless against the scale of mounting losses and extra interest payments.

This year's wage costs already exceed by five per cent the money available each week to the corporation after paying off its suppliers—leaving no funds for capital spending on the modernization schemes which require thousands of millions of pounds.

This one year's borrowing need for the corporation almost matches the total sum spent on the development of new plants throughout Britain since 1967. There is another £3,000m to be found for the next 10 years, of which nearly £1,000m is earmarked for Wales.

A handsome £90m-plus is going on improvements at Llanwern which, with its new blast furnace, would be capable of raising its steel capacity from 2.2m tonnes to 3.5m.

That raises the question of the management's wisdom, for Llanwern has a history of troubles. Yesterday Mr Scholey stoutly denied that he and his colleagues should have foreseen far earlier the present dispute over manning and payment. He cited examples of cooperation given by other unions in dealing with new schemes ahead of commissioning, with consequential changes to labour practices.

Other deals, he said, had been stitched up and settled involving a sense of responsibility similar to that sought from the furnacemen.

The Llanwern case was the kind of situation which had plagued industry and led the Government into the £6 inflation control. It was, he said, breathtaking that a union should refuse to accept arbitration and careful job evalution.

For a contracting union keen on preserving its identity to manifest itself with claims of the Llanwern kind would unhinge the whole wages structure. Blastfurnacemen were threatening the dislocation of their industry over a new job which management wanted to determine in everyone's interest without conflict.

It was hopeless to plan the industry's future with each union and the management had been pushing for a National Industrial Joint Council to discuss all that went with the industry's future activity.

Customers may not be falling over themselves to buy steel at present—output is running at roughly 17 million tonnes a year against 27 million tonnes capacity, the worst for a quarter of a century—but even they have minimum requirements. Llanwern is important to motor industry customers, such as British Leyland, and the electrical engineering sector.

More serious even is the statement by Mr Smith, for the blastfurnacemen, that a regional strike in England and Wales could be made official. With general industrial production already down to three-day week levels (when steel was on allocation), the implications, with home orders falling and with alternative export business to win and hold, for many customers cannot be overstated.

Nor can the damage to the steel industry itself be exaggerated. Running down mills and shutting ovens and furnaces or paying to keep them on care and maintenance without revenue will not be popular with other steel unions struggling to protect jobs—never mind present wage packets—or other groups of workers affected by the chain reaction of lay-offs and short-time.

The strategic importance of steel in the economy led to the decision to invest vast sums in new furnaces and other facilities on an integrated basis. Ironically, integration and concentration in steel-making carries with it a commensurate increase in the strategic muscle power of any union.

Even a late settlement at Llanwern does not fully meet this question for the future, but it is a test of how, in the era of worker participation, groups of steel-workers are prepared to exercise their extra responsibilities.

Volkswagen GB: the rewards and reverses of car importing

Clifford Webb discusses the Thomas Tilling deal with Lonrho

The motor industry is not short of pessimists these days. Given half a chance they pronounce loudly that the halcyon days of the sixties will never return and the best the industry can hope for is a return to 1973 levels in the 1980s.

Yesterday's announcement by the Thomas Tilling group that it has sold Volkswagen GB to Lonrho for £9.58m will provide more ammunition for these *prophets of gloom and doom.* They will interpret the deal as evidence that a group with unrivalled experience of selling cars in Britain now has so little faith in the future of the industry that it has decided to get out while the going is relatively good.

After a disastrous 1974 with losses of £1.4m, Volkswagen GB is now making the running among the importers. Last month it took 5.5 per cent of the United Kingdom car market, the highest penetration achieved since the Volkswagen and Audi-NSU franchises were merged in March, 1973.

In the first half of this year pre-tax profits were £1.5m and for the full year ended December 31 the company is predicting *a pre-tax profit of £2.8m.*

But to get a clearer picture of Tilling's strategy it is necessary to go back to December, 1973, when the group sold Mercedes-Benz GB to the parent, Daimler-Benz Germany, for £5.5m. The issue then was somewhat more complicated, however.

As Europe's largest lorry manufacturer Daimler-Benz wanted to penetrate the British lorry market—itself the biggest in Europe. Tilling did not relish the idea of pushing expensive Mercedes lorries in a market already suffering from intense competition between too many British and foreign makers.

It had been very happy with the profitable sale of a limited number of the most expensive Mercedes cars but now the factory was insisting that Tilling used this profit and much more to build up a lorry sales network.

Within weeks of the factory taking over Tilling's remaining investment in imported cars Volkswagen GB was in serious trouble, with sales down nearly 70 per cent on the January, 1973, level and its payroll cut by nearly 300 redundancies.

Stocks of unsold Volkswagen cars were getting out of control and the financing of them was straining Tilling resources. Faced with a sharp rise in borrowings—Volkswagen GB's interest charges in 1974 increased from £684,400 to £1.5m—Tilling tried to repeat the Mercedes deal and sell out to the factory.

It is understood, however, that when the first approaches were made to Wolfsburg in March, 1974, they were rejected out of hand. The oil-led recession in world markets had caught Germany's car giant in the final stages of a 1,200m Deutsche mark (about £200m) investment to provide three complete new ranges of cars to boost flagging sales of the Beetle.

With losses of more than DM880m and a 25,000 redundancy programme in the pipeline, Wolfsburg was not interested in acquiring another liability.

Tilling then sought possible alternatives in the United Kingdom. Last night Mr Colin Draper, the Tilling main board director who is also chairman of Volkswagen GB, admitted that there had been talks with two or three other prospective buyers besides Lonrho over a period of many months.

But why has Tilling gone ahead with the sale when Volkswagen GB's fortunes are riding high again on the backing of a whole new range of cars? Mr Draper's cautious answer was: "Our reasons are entirely concerned with Tilling's long-term planning. We were not prepared to have such large amounts of capital tied up in stocks."

Sources close to the company were much more forthcoming however. They pointed out that in the early days Volkswagen had an almost unique position in the British market. It was the clear market leader of a very small band of importers. Today it is one of a large number of importers.

Secondly, the increasing strength of the Deutschemark and continued weakness of sterling have introduced an unknown factor into long-term planning. "It is like doing your calculations on a piece of rubber", was how one Tilling executive put it.

He added: "The problem of the Deutschemark has become too chancy when allied to the whole cyclical business of selling cars. We want rather more control of what we are doing."

But the big problem which all but one Tilling executive fought shy of last night was the possibility of import controls. "With imports taking 40 per cent of the British market, import controls must be taken into consideration", he said.

With all these doubts, why did Lonhro go ahead with the deal? Mr Alan Ball, executive deputy chairman, said simply: "Lonrho tax position is such that with most of our earnings coming from overseas we could do with more United Kingdom earnings. We regard it as a gross-net position, although we already have considerable experience of the motor trade—mainly in Africa."



Mr Michael Heelas, managing director of Volkswagen GB: he has extensive experience of the car business to offer Lonrho.

Lonrho is basically a trading company—"the wheeler-dealers of Africa", is how one Volkswagen man described the group last night. So how does Volkswagen GB regard its future under new owners of this type?

The same executive told me: "They are pretty good at picking the right man for the job and in this case they bought the right man as part of the deal." The "right man" is Mr Michael Heelas, 46, who only on September 1 joined Volkswagen GB as managing director. Before that he was deputy managing director of Mercedes Benz UK.

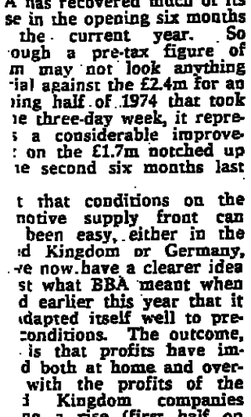
He actually joined the latter company as managing director in June, 1972, when it was still part of the Tilling empire, but was demoted to make way for the German, Gerd Hoffmann.

With experience at the former BMC, Massey Ferguson and, most important of all in his latest post, with Harry Cressman's Bristol Street car group, he knows the car trade backwards. Lonrho will have to lean heavily on this experience while it learns that selling cars in Britain is a very different kettle of fish from selling them in Africa.

Business Diary: After Sir Eric • Dutch discourage

ol experts at British ium are beginning to pre- he way for the installa- f the successor of Sir rake, who will retire as an on November 29, his irthday.

odds-on favourite to him would seem to be chairman, David Steel, six years Sir Eric's According to the ic House's unofficial



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ackground is impec- fe was one of the members of BP's legal department after the war and was closely involved in the wrangles surrounding the take-over of BP's Iranian interests in 1951 and in the subsequent reorganization of a international oil company consortium in that country.

Later he served in senior executive positions in North America and Kuwait—recognized stepping stones to advancement in the company.

Sir Eric will bow out with one of his greatest ambitions satisfied. At the beginning of November the Queen will inaugurate the flow of oil from the Forties field in the North Sea—the first flow of any size from United Kingdom offshore waters.

But to Steel will probably fall the prestige of seeing BP finally established as an influential force in the American oil scene. Had the deal with the Standard Oil Company of Ohio (Sohio) gone according to plan Sir Eric would have masterminded the bringing of Alaskan oil to the main United States markets, giving BP thereby a controlling interest in the big American group. Environmental objections have delayed the start of the Alaskan fields until mid-1977.

But if Sir Eric is bowing out on a high note, Steel now has to guide the company through at least 12 months of gloom until the full benefits of North Sea and Alaskan oil are reflected in the balance sheet.

Enka broadside

The Dutch office of McKinsey and Co, whose report for Enka Glanzstoff on the implications of developments in artificial fibres up to 1980 has been rejected by the unions and belittled in the papers by the parent AKZO management, must feel like a marriage guidance counsellor who ends up on the wrong side of both husband and wife.

"We have experienced aggressive reactions before", said one of the team which drew up the report, "but it was never quite like this."

The McKinsey team was led by an Englishman, Peter Wood, who is said to understand Dutch but not to speak it fluently yet. He was helped in consultations with the unions and works council by F. W. Huibregsen, a partner in the Dutch branch.

The other members of the team are Tino Puri from India, Hiroshi Ebihara from Japan, and Mrs Laurence Cadenet from France, respectively delegated from McKinsey bureaux in New York, Tokyo and Paris.

Wood moved to Amsterdam a few years ago from McKinsey, New York, and like the rest of his team, has specialized in synthetic fibres.

McKinsey may be taken aback by the reaction but is not lost for words. The bureau has come back fighting with the publication of a long statement, beginning with three pages covering "factual inaccuracies" culled from the newspapers alongside the facts according to McKinsey.



Hollowood

"To help the worker members of the board you'll see that the item 'Contingency Reserve' is now called 'Money for a rainy day'."

Tender tinder

There's likely to be a little fluttering in the dovecotes of the labour historians with the publication of the latest Department of Employment report on progress towards equal pay.

Among the collective agreements monitored by the department as being "discriminatory" is one in match manufacture, an activity in which was kindled the first spark of the campaign that led to the Equal Pay Act.

The Bryant & May dispute of 1889 has gone down in the history books as the one that sparked off the battle for the foundation of trade boards (or wages councils as they are now called) in industries where unions are too weak for normal collective bargaining.

Matchgirls working at Bryant & May's East End factory, emboldened by an article on the sweated industries by Annie Besant, came out in protest at low pay and poor protection from phosphorus poisoning.

Normally, they would have been starved back to work as it was unusual for trade unions to admit women, and the few women's trade unions were weak and ephemeral. This time, however, the women won concessions, although the company at first threatened to import blacklegs and then to move the factory to Norway.

The girls were enabled to stay out by a fund started by sympathizers, while negotiations on their behalf were handled by the London Trades Council. Miss Besant set aside her pen for a while to found and become secretary of a Union of Women Matchmakers.

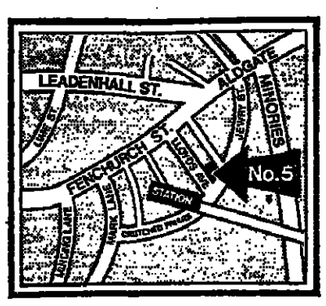
According to the D of E, the present collective agreement was one where in March women's rates were less than 95 per cent of men's and had improved little over the previous year.

Among the price increase requests refused by the Price Commission last month were four to do with the price of money itself. The commission turned down four applications on behalf of the currency division of security printers De La Rue for increases ranging between 2.7 and 31.08 per cent for the printing of currency notes and travellers' cheques.

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Salient points from the statement for the year ended March 31st 1975 by the Chairman, Mr. R. M. Douglas, O.B.E.

- The results confirm the confidence in our continued development expressed last year. Despite difficult trading conditions, turnover at £65.4 million shows an increase of 43% and the trading surplus is £3,494,955 compared with £3,005,216.
- A final dividend of 2.35092p per share is recommended making a total of 3.177795p which is the maximum permitted. But for Government constraints a higher dividend would have been recommended.
- All divisions have again contributed to the further progress made during the year. This expansion enabled us to meet the inevitable increase in costs which result from uncontrolled inflation.
- The company is in a strong financial position, backed by a competent team at all levels and I am confident of the strong determination which exists to continue our progress in whatever fields may be open to us. In the present economic climate however it would be unrealistic to expect anything but difficult trading conditions in the current year.
- *Following increasing development of our activities in branches of the* construction industry other than contracting, the Board will recommend a change of name to Robert M. Douglas Holdings Limited at the Annual General Meeting in October.

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, Robert M. Douglas (Contractors) Limited, Birmingham B23 7RZ.

Robert M. Douglas (Contractors) Ltd.

Revertex Chemicals Ltd.

Unaudited results for the half year to June 30

	1975 £'000	1974 £'000
Group turnover	16,120	17,386
Group profit:		
before tax	1,539	1,699
attributable to shareholders	609	772
Dividend gross equivalent	9.85%	9.55%

Dr. Ernest Brookman, the Chairman says in his interim report to shareholders that the net attributable profit of £609,000 for the half year is higher than for any full year in the company's history apart from the exceptional 1974 performance.

The remainder of 1975 cannot however be viewed with a high degree of optimism.

Copies of the full interim statement may be obtained from: The Secretary, Revertex Chemicals Limited, Temple Fields, Harlow, Essex.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Share prices quick to recover from early mark down

The stock market put up a good performance yesterday in the face of several potentially bearish factors. An initial mark down in industrial shares on the threatened stoppage in steel production was taken as a buying opportunity.

Turnover remained very thin, but prices moved up in late dealings, when moves to end the strike of blastfurnacemen at British Steel's factories were disclosed. The *FT* index closed 3.3 higher at 321.8, a turn round from 316.6 at 10.00 am.

Gilt-edged prices also managed to advance. The steel strike, the rise in Citibank's prime rate on Friday and the worsening United Kingdom trade position were all digested by the market without ill-effect, to the surprise of many dealers.

Sellers were scarce and some new money continued to go into Government stocks. As a result prices drifted up in fairly quiet trading. Short-dated stocks ended the session with ¼ point gains common, while longer-dated issues displayed rises of ¼ or even ½ point by the close.

There was no recovery in the level of turnover in equities. In fact, trading conditions were even thinner because of the Yom Kippur holiday which reduced market attendance. Recorded bargains totalled only 4,596.

But dealers commented with some surprise on the firm trend which developed. Share prices were marked down quite sharply at first, and most market men were expecting sellers as investors digested the implications of the strike in the steel industry, the latest United Kingdom trade figures, and the uncertain trend of Wall Street.

But share prices were soon turning higher on small buying orders from the general public. The institutions took little part but showed no inclination to sell stock.

The City took a cautious view of shares in Rank Organisation which hit selling on Friday after reports of a row in the board room. At 136p, the "A" shares recouped 6p.

Shares in Distillers trod water at 108p ahead of Thursday's annual meeting, at which the City expects some major institutional shareholders to voice their disapproval with the group's profits path.

First in this week's list of company reporters was United Biscuit, whose shares dipped 5p to 100p, an indication of the market's disappointment with the interim result. While the profits show a substantial increase over the comparable total, it nevertheless fell short of forecasts by analysts in *the back room of the stock*brokers' offices.

Interim results from Rolls-Royce also failed to set the market afire, and the shares drifted down by 2p to 55p as profits were taken. Vickers, with a trading statement due, closed firmly at 139p but GKN, another prominent name on the list, were unchanged at 212p at the close, having rallied from an early fall.

But ICI quickly recovered from an initial price of 265p and ended a net 6p higher at 271p—as well as topping the list of active stocks. Beecham, 4p up at 304p, had been down to 292p. Others to close higher on the day included Bowater (156p), and Courtaulds (131p).

Engineering shares threw off their early gloom, and triumphed over the threat of a stoppage in steel supplies. Pilkington Brothers, often an indicator of industrial prospects because of its wide range of customers, edged forward to 274p, and Tube Investments (236p) improved.

Shipping shares looked dull, however. The bounce went out of Furness Withy now that Eurocanadian Holdings seems unlikely to make a full bid. Furness shares closed 1p off at 226p after 224p.

Brewery shares, the subject of conflicting opinions among stockbrokers, turned firmer after the latest circular recommended buying shares in the leaders ahead of the results season. Bass Charrington and Whitbread moved ahead, while another round of publicity from the "real ale" lobby, lifted shares in the smaller brewers. Boddington's, Hardy's, Hanson and Greene King were all better markets.

Some food shares looked firmer after United Biscuits had declared their first half profits. Cavenhams (136p), J. Lyons "A" (134p) and British Home Stores (320p) all managed small gains.

Banking shares, r at first with the ind market, turned fir day progressed. Bar and Lloyds (220p)

Shares in Ready crete put on 3p to trading. The sha risen by 17 per c past month as in the view that it is with the rest of t

minor gains. But th was the merchant l where Hambros s 190p after press h Reksten is selling s cash.

Shares in BP ed to 525p (after 52 mained unsettled b hints that a large is on offer. Burmal back. Among the stocks, Berry Wig down to 65p after ing interim report. Equity turnover or worth £33.6m (9,5 Active stocks yeste ing to Exchange Te ICI, Ready Mixe Shell, BPB new, M cer, Reyrolle Par Leyland, Court Norcros.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)		Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Appleyard (25p)	Int	1.22	1.22	14/11	—	3.67
Arcolectric (5p)	Int	0.18	0.18	7/10	—	0.31
Audio Fid (10p)	Fin	2p	2p	24/10	2p	2p
BBA Group (25p)	Int	0.86	0.78	—	—	2.41
Berry Wiggins (25p)	Int	0.7	0.7	3/11	—	1.92
Black Arrow Grp (50p)	Fin	0.78	1.05	1/12	1.45	1.05
Chambers & Fargus (5p)	Fin	0.24	0.46	—	0.49	0.70
Cons African (—)	Fin	5c	5c	—	9c	9c
Crossley Bdg Prds (25p)	Int	1.75	1.72	—	—	3.52
Fed Land & Bdg (25p)	Int	0.40	0.31	—	—	0.88
Jentique (Hold) (5p)	Fin	0.28	0.26	9/12	0.49	0.46
Rolls-Royce Mot (25p)	Int	1.5	1.5	—	—	3.5
Telefusion (5p)	Fin	0.46	0.47	24/11	0.96	0.88
Unicorn Ind (25p)	Int	1.6	1.6	12/1	—	4.14
United Bisc (25p)	Int	1.41	1.18	6/1	—	2.25
Whittington Eng (25p)	Int	1.27	1.25	26/11	—	5.11

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax in pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54.

Telefusion reverses first half decline

By Desmond Quigley

The post Budget sales spree and the disposal of a loss making subsidiary helped Telefusion, the television sales and rental company, to reverse the first half profits decline in the second six months of the year to the end of May.

Subsequently, after a sluggish start, business has picked up *in the current year and is now* returning to more normal levels. This partly reflects the amending of the Government's Budget proposals. In July Parliament exempted existing rental contracts from the new 25 per cent VAT rate, which has had the effect of persuading customers not to change their television sets until the expiry of their contracts.

Turnover for the full year rose by about 32 per cent to £59.4m, with the second half jumping nearly 50 per cent from £23.8m to £35.6m. Pre-tax profits fell by 8.8 per cent from £3.56m to £3.25m, although this masks a 10 per cent rise in the second half from £1.81m to £1.99m.

Trading profits were 16 per cent ahead for the full year but soaring interest charges took their toll before the pre-tax level was reached. Interest charges more than trebled from £315,000 to £1.14m while interest relief and interest received slumped from £380,000 to £5,000.

The directors report that the financial strength of the group has improved as a result of a £7m surplus in liquid funds produced during the year, and an increase of £2.8m in net capital employed. Cash flow of over £8m is considered to be adequate to meet anticipated investment requirements.

A final gross dividend of 0.72p (against 0.71p) is being recommended to make a total for the year of 1.47p, compared with 1.33p.

Unicorn Ind disappoints

Higher interest charges are the main reason for the slip in pre-tax profits at Unicorn Industries, once known as Universal Grinding. In the first half year to June 30, they slipped from £1.8m to £1.6m on turnover up from £16m to £22.3m. Earnings a share dipped from 8.9p to 6.8p but the interim payment rises slightly from 2.3p to 2.4p.

Unicorn, which recently announced that its rights issue to raise £2.4m was taken up by 61 per cent, is the world's third largest abrasive group. The board states the rights' proceeds will be used to reduce interest charges during the second half. The cash position has improved and the rate of increase in working capital caused by inflation reduced.

Last year the group turned in pre-tax profits of £3.72m against £3.51m and in his annual statement in May the chairman, Mr B. G. Ball-Greene warned shareholders that there were no ready made solutions to the problems which confronted Unicorn in today's volatile conditions.

Federated Land up

In his interim report for the half year to June 30, Mr James Meyer, chairman of Federated Land and Building, the housebuilder, says that the industry will suffer from low selling prices and margins "for some while yet". Even so the policy of supplying cheap houses partly to local authorities and clipping interest charges means that the group hoisted turnover from £3.28m to £5.3m and pushed up pre-tax profits from £172,000 to £210,000 despite narrower margins. The directors confidently declare a gross interim dividend of 2.5 per cent gross against 1.9 per cent.

Jentique recovers

In the full year to June 30, Jentique Holdings, the Norfolk-based maker of furniture and clocks, hoisted pre-tax profits from £575,200 to £683,000, on turnover up from £5.8m to £7.3m. This represents a strong recovery for the group which last year saw pre-tax profits tumble 23 per cent. Earnings a share rose from 1.01p to 1.21p and the final dividend is 0.38p (0.39p) making the year's total 0.69p against 0.67p. The current financial year has started well in both trading subsidiaries. The group predicts satisfactory trading in the half year to December 31.

Whittington doubles

Doubled pre-tax profits of £62,000 come from Whittington Engineering, which makes colliery equipment and pallets. In the six months to June 30, turnover rose from £258,000 to £390,000.

The board says that similar results may be expected for the second half. This indicates a record profit of £124,000 for the full year, against £104,000 last time.

The interim dividend goes up from 1.25p to 1.27p.

Natwest in New York

National Westminster Bank is establishing new headquarters in New York to direct its North American business. This follows "significant expansion" in its operations both in the Latin and North American region of its international division, up till now based in London. Senior managerial and support staff are being transferred from the *UK to the new Executive* office in New York.

Mr Dennis Bunyan, currently chief international executive, International Westminster Bank and Europe, has been appointed Senior Executive Vice President, and Mr George Cathles, currently Senior International Executive, Americas Region has been appointed Executive Vice President.

Stanley Gibbons inches forward

Stanley Gibbons, the stamp and map people, increased sales by 17 per cent to £3.16m in the first six months of the year to the end of June. But the group only managed to raise pre-tax profits by 5 per cent from £336,153 to £352,062.

Mr A. L. Michael, chairman, said: "Trading generally continues at a very satisfactory level both here and overseas and the board is confident that they should be able to maintain and possibly improve these figures to give a higher return for the whole year."

Appleyard slackens

The first quarter recovery seen at the Appleyard Group of motor dealers in Scotland and the North and particularly strong in Morris, Jaguar and Daimler franchises has petered *out. Pre-tax profits rose by a* tenth in the first three months, but in the first six months to June they slipped from £522,473 to £505,026 and the directors find it impossible to forecast. The net interim dividend is 1.225p again, implying a rise from 1.83p gross to 1.88p.

Crossley Building

Having seen profits dip from £1.32m to £1m in 1974, Crossley Building Products reports a fall in profits for the half year to June 30 from £604,000 to £463,000 before tax.

Turnover of the group, which has brick making, road haulage and builders' merchanting interests, rose from £6.3m to £6.6m. The dividend is raised from 2.68p to 2.66p, while earnings a share are 4.25p, against 5.56p.

Grimshawe write off

Grimshawe Holdings, the finance and industrial conglomerate now reorganising itself has written off the £107,000 it claims is owed to it by former group chairman Mr Peter Grimshawe. This item is included in provisions of £425,500 made against loans to clients in the group's latest qualified accounts. In the year to the end of April losses were reduced to £204,000 after a deficit of £2.2m the previous year.

W. H. SMITH

Following a Court ruling, board have decided that dividends will now be paid at rate of 1.4625 per cent on the 4½ per cent cumulative redeemable preference shares and 2.275 per cent on the 7 per cent cumulative redeemable preference instead of 1.57 per cent and 2.45 per cent respectively announced in July.

CONSOLIDATED COMMERCIAL

Accounts for 1974 now unlikely to be available until end of October. Company to prepare comprehensive explanatory document covering period since Rubislaw offer, to be sent to shareholders with 1974 report and accounts.

RAND SELECTIONN

Group, which holds 93 per cent of South African Townships, Mining and Finance Corporation, is proposing to buy out minority shareholders on the basis of 140 RS shares for every 100 SA Townships shares.

QUALITY—SKETCHLEY

Sketchley increasing offer for 7½ per cent preference shares from 60p to 70p. Over 96 per cent of preference now controlled.

Berry Wiggins 43 up with more to co

By Tony May

Sustained growth in its new role, as a service company to the oil industry, has pushed interim pre-tax profits of Berry Wiggins up 43 per cent to £792,000.

Turnover for the six months to June 30 has actually fallen from £8.75m to £5.83m, but with a large drilling contract starting later this year, and full contributions from two others recently under way, the board has "every confidence" that the present growth in profits will continue.

After allowing for a book loss of £110,000 arising from transactions with BP Oil, attributable profits are up from £249,000 to £297,000.

The dividend is 0.7p net again, which means that it goes up from 1.04p to Earnings a share against 2.06p.

Earlier this ye Bristol, the chairm although the compa through its "tou for many years a stronger company turn in bitumen sa Company's main e second half had be and he looked to th confidence.

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United Biscuits 1975 Interim Report

Highlights from the Chairman's Statement

- Sales for the first half of 1975 increased by 48% to £215 million, and profits by 87% to £8·2 million.
- A substantial part of this increase has come from Keebler, our partners in the United States; their performance has been and continues to be excellent.
- U.K. results show significant improvement even against declines in volume.
- Our Spanish subsidiary is still trading at a loss, but it is hoped that action taken will begin to show results before the end of the year.
- A successful Rights Issue, plus the sale of the Group's French and Dutch biscuit interests, together with a strong cash flow from successful trading, has strengthened our financial position considerably.
- Results for the second half year should show a satisfactory improvement over 1974—although they will not match first-half percentage increases.

Hector Laing.

Consolidated Profit Statement

for the 28 weeks ended 12th July 1975

52 weeks to 28th December 1974 (Audited)		28 weeks to 12th July 1975 (Unaudited) Group (including Keebler Co.)	Keebler Co.	28 weeks to 13th July 1974 (Unaudited) Group (including Keebler Co.)	Keebler Co.
£000's		£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
326,000	Sales	214,600	78,017	145,404	38,414
19,272	Trading Profit	10,766	4,681	6,744	896
5,467	Interest	2,608	205	2,379	209
13,805	Profit before Taxation	8,158	4,476	4,365	687
7,360	Taxation	4,528		2,160	
6,445	Profit after Taxation	3,630		2,205	
8·3p	Earnings per share	4·4p		2·7p	

Dividends

The directors have declared an interim dividend and intend, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, to recommend the payment of a final dividend on the ordinary share capital as follows:—

	Pence per share 1975	1974
Interim (now declared—payable 6th January 1976)	1·414p	1·18715p
Final (to be recommended)	1·414p	1·07527p
Total recommended dividend	2·828p	2·26242p
'Gross' equivalent	4·3508p	3·42613p
Increase in proposed total dividend over 1974	25%	
Increase in 'Gross' equivalent over 1974	27%	

H.M. Treasury has given its consent to the proposed level of dividend distribution for 1975.

United Biscuits (Holdings) Limited

Copies of the Interim Report can be obtained from The Secretary, United Biscuits (Holdings) Limited, Syon Lane, Isleworth, Middx. TW7.

Mr Webb states his case

In a letter to shareholders, Mr L. Webb, one of the key figures in the boardroom clash at Trianco, states that group borrowings at June 30 stood at an unprecedented £951,000, of which £125,000 has to be repaid to Corinthian Securities in 1977 and £400,000 to Barclays Bank in 1978.

He adds that 87 per cent of the borrowings are from Barclays, who will review the group's loan position after the annual general meeting on October 3, which Mr Webb has called to consider certain board changes.

In the letter, he stresses that Barclays are strictly neutral regarding the clash between himself and group chairman, Mr Alexander Boyle. He notes the groups' property has been taken into the accounts at a full valuation undertaken in 1974. Since then property has fallen substantially and to date only 37 per cent of the estimated rental value has been achieved.

The letter also outlines his plans for the company. These include expansion of the boiler-making business, seeking new oil and gas products for marketing or production, exploiting markets, expansion by acquiring companies in allied fields, and a request that all members of the proposed reconstituted board retire and offer themselves for re-election at the next annual general meeting.

INTERIM STATEMEN

ROYAL DUTCH PETROLEUM COMPAN

(N.V. Koninklijke Nederlandsche Petroleum Maatschappij)

Established at The Hague, The Nether

INTERIM DIVIDEND 1975

The Board of Directors and the Managing Directors of the have declared on account of the expected total dividend in res year 1975, an interim dividend amounting to Netherlands 3.75 per share on its outstanding shares of 20 guilders par valu

A. On the Bearer Shares

(i) This interim dividend will be payable against surrender No. 158 on or after 23rd September, 1975 at the of *N. M. Rothschild & Sons Limited, New Court, St. S Lane, London EC4P 4DU* on business days between the 9.30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Payment will be made in sterling at the buying rate of current in Amsterdam at 2 p.m. on 17th September, 1975 ir of coupons presented on or before that date, or on th presentation in the case of coupons presented subsequentl of the fact that Netherlands guilder funds are being provid Company for payment of this dividend, the usual foreign commission will be deducted from the sterling proceeds. must be accompanied by a presentation form, copies of whi obtained from N. M. Rothschild & Sons Limited, and the fac coupon must bear the stamp or other indication showing the the presenter.

Coupons must be left for an appropriate period for examina must be handed in personally. Coupons cannot be paid thr post.

In the case of shareholders not resident within the Schedul tories the paying agent may, at the request of the Authorised tary presenting the coupons, pay the dividend in a different c Information in this respect will be supplied by the paying age request.

Netherlands dividend tax at the reduced rate of 15 per cen deducted from the gross dividend where:

(a) United Kingdom income tax has also been deducted;

(b) Coupons are presented on behalf of residents of the States of America, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands Norway, South Africa, Spain, Surinam, Sweden or West G provided they lodge the appropriate declaration form.

In all other cases Netherlands dividend tax of 25 per cent deducted.

(ii) On 23rd September, 1975 this interim dividend will be Depositaries admitted by Centrum voor Fondsenadministrat Amsterdam, on the shares whose dividend sheets were custody at the close of business on 12th September, 1975 payment will be made through the medium of N. M. Roths Sons Limited, after receipt by them of a duly completed CF Di Claim Form.

Where appropriate, the usual affidavit certifying non-residence United Kingdom will also be required if payment is to be made deduction of United Kingdom income tax.

Where under the double tax agreement between the United Ki and the Netherlands 15 per cent Netherlands dividend tax ha withheld, the 15 per cent Netherlands tax is allowable for a resi the United Kingdom as a credit against this United Kingdom inco payable in respect of the dividend. The deduction of United Ki income tax at the reduced rate of 20 per cent instead of at the Bas of 35 per cent represents a provisional allowance of credit at the 15 per cent.

B. On the Registered Shares registered in the United Kin Section of the Amsterdam Register

On 18th September, 1975 the sterling amount of the dividend fixed on the basis of the sterling/guilder rate of exchange cur Amsterdam on that date.

The record date will be 29th September, 1975; shareholders reg at the close of business on that date will be entitled to rece dividend.

On or before 21st October, 1975 dividend warrants will be posted transfer agent, Algemene Bank Nederland N.V., Amsterdam, to s holders registered in their books on the record date.

From the dividend on the registered shares Netherlands dividend 25 per cent has also to be deducted. Where under the relevan convention shareholders are entitled to a reduction of the Nethe dividend tax, this can only be effected through a request partial refund of the tax withheld on the appropriate tax affida further announcement will be made as soon as possible after September, 1975 giving the rate of exchange, the amount of dividend in sterling per share and the amount of the 25 per Netherlands dividend tax in sterling per share.

16th September, 1975 ROYAL DUTCH PETROLEUM COMP

NANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Overseas

ngapore and cuts Millbank greement

ngapore.—Singapore Land yesterday that it had ed with Four Millbank ements of the United King- to rescind an agreement joint property company in apore.

e agreement, signed on 29, 1974, covered its sub- tion for cash of 7.8 million each at par representing per cent of the equity al of Orchard Square lopment.

ur Millbank holds 10.7 on shares in Orchard, h was incorporated in July to develop a 34-acre erty in Singapore.

wn Bowers ahead

nheim, West Germany.— ide turnover of electric pment company Brown ri und Cie (BBC) rose six cent in the first half of to DM1,280m. BBC said wer resulting from foreign ness rose 13 per cent to 80m. Domestic turnover d 2 per cent.

e company said that the ll sales increase was due 24 per cent rise in contracts complete plants. Sales of s-produced equipment ned 13 per cent. BBC pre- d that sales for the full would show a 10 per ase of the previous year.

B drops into red

ussels.—Chemical and maceutical manufacturers SA has reported a group oss in the first half of 1975 72m Belgian francs against ofit of 300m francs in the ious year. Net sales were from 9,360m francs to m. The parent company ed a net profit of 121m s against 195m francs.

e company said that in view ncertain business prospects the fourth quarter, the d was deferring a decision interim dividend.

it Telephone

entilly, Virginia.—Conti- al Telephone is to sell its er cent interest in Jamaica phone to the government of ica. The company said the purchase price of m is about book value of inental's Jamaica to tele- e stock. Continental added for the year to December Jamaica Telephone, which es 99,000 phones reported enues of $22.8m and pro- d Continental with earnings 2.8m.

S grain moratorium to end

ashington, Sept 15.—President has rejected a request by the ican Farm Bureau that the orary moratorium on United s grain sales to the Soviet be ended, Bureau and d States officials said.

Farm Bureau, representing illion farm families in the States, made the request Ford during a White House g.—Reuter.

Bank Base Rates

clays Bank	10%
Hoare & Co. ..	*10%
yds Bank	10%
land Bank	10%
Westminster ..	10%
ley Trust	11½%
Century Bank	11½%
iams & Glyn's	10%

ay deposits on sums of ,000 and under, 6½%; to £25,000, 7%, over ,000, 7¼%.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar closed moderately higher in European currency trading yesterday.

It closed at 2.5950-60 marks from 2.5935-50 on Friday, after trading briefly at 2.61 marks earlier.

Sterling's fall against the dollar was limited to 10 points when it closed at $2.1060. But the pound made ground against Continental currencies and its "effective rate" was held at 27.4 per cent at the close.

Gold rose 62½ cents an ounce, to close at $148.37½.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) September 15	Market rates (close) September 15
New York	$2.1010-1070	$2.1055-1065
Montreal	$2.1585-1630	$2.1615-1625
Amsterdam	5.58-62fl	5.60-61fl
Brussels	81.40-90f	81.65-85f
Copenhagen	12.66-70k	12.69-69½k
Frankfurt	5.45-49m	5.46½-47½m
Lisbon	56.00-40e	56.20-40e
Madrid	123.70-24.15p	123.90-24.70p
Milan	1415-19lr	1417-19lr
Oslo	11.72½-73½k	11.73½-74½k
Paris	9.21½-24½f	9.23-24f
Stockholm	9.28½-30k	9.29½-30½k
Tokyo	626-35y	627-29y
Vienna	38.50-80sch	38.65-75sch
Zurich	5.67-68f	5.67½-68½f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 unchanged at 27.4 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.40-.50c prem	1.70-1.60c prem
Montreal	.40-.30c prem	1.00-.90c prem
Amsterdam	4-3c prem	10½-9½c prem
Brussels	45-35c prem	110-90c prem
Copenhagen	6-3ore prem	16-13ore prem
Frankfurt	3½-2½pf prem	10-9pf prem
Lisbon	25c prem-50c disc	40c prem-70c disc
Milan	2lr prem-1lr disc	3lr prem-par
Oslo	7-4ore prem	17-14ore prem
Paris	3½-2½c prem	7-5c prem
Stockholm	2½-1½ore prem	7½-5½ore prem
Vienna	35-10gro prem	70-40gro prem
Zurich	4-3c prem	11½-10½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9730-41.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6½-6¾; seven days, 6¾-6⅞; one month, 7-7⅛; three months, 7⅝-7¾; six months, 8⅛-8¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $148¼ (an ounce); pm, $148½. Krugerrand (per coin): $153½-154½ (£72½-73½) (domestic); $152-154 (£72¼-73¼) (international). Sovereigns: (old), $46½-47½ (£21.10-21.70); (new), $44½-45½ (£21.10-21.70) (international).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
$ STRAIGHTS		
AIDC 10¼ 1981	102	103
Airlease 8¾ 1988	79	82
Ashland 8 1987	86½	87½
BICC 7¾ 1987	65	68
Bristol 8¾ 1979	91	93
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	79	82
Burlington 7¾ 1987	86½	87½
Carrier 8 1987	85	86
Chevron 7 1980	96	97½
Conoco 7 1980	97	98½
Conoco 8 1986	93	94
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	81	82
Coventry 8¾ 1981	88	90
Coventry 8½ 1980	91	93
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	88½	89½
Curacao Tokyo 10¾ 1981	101	102
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	86½	87½
Dana 8 1987	87	88
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	78¾	79¾
Denmark Mtge Bank 7½ 1991	80½	81½
Dundee 9¼ 1985	92	93½
Escom 9¼ 1989	89	90
Escom Floating Rate 1983	97½	98½
First Chicago 7 1980	93	94
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	82	85
GATX 8¾ 1987	85½	86½
Guardian Royal 8 1987	69½	72½
Hambros 7¾ 1987	74	77
ICI 7¾ 1992	78	81
International Utili 8¾ 1982	91	92
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	68	71
Manchester 8¾ 1981	86	88
Mexico 8¾ 1991	79	82
Michelin 7¾ 1988	80½	81½
Mitsubishi 9 1989	96	98
Motorola 8 1987	89	90
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	72½	75½
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	78	81
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	101½	102½
NA Rockwell 8¾ 1987	87	88
Occidental 7¾ 1984	84	86
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	85	86
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	100	101
Pennwalt 8 1987	87½	88½
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	87	88
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	84½	85½
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	95	96
Shell 7¾ 1987	90	91
Singer 11 1977	94	95
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	102	103
Slough 8 1988	60	64
South Africa 8 1987	83	85
Standard Oil 8½ 1980	100	101
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	96½	97½
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	95½	96½
Sybron 8 1987	87½	88½
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	82½	85½
Texaron 7¾ 1987	81½	82½
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	88½	89½
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	95½	97
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	88	89
Venezuela 8¾ 1987	95	97
Volvo 8 1987	83½	84½
Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987	76	79
DM BONDS		
APEL (DM) 10 1981	105½	106½
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1988/83	78½	79½
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	85½	86½
Denmark (DM) 9¾ 1989	101½	102½
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	72½	73½
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	88½	89½
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	92½	93½
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	106	107
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	91½	93½
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	106½	107½
Suedafrika (DM) 8¾ 1970/85	93½	94½
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	91½	92½
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	61	63
American Express 4¾ 1987	78	80
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1992	86	88
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	97	99
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	86	88
Borden 5 1992	87	89
Borden 6¾ 1991	97	99
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	69	71
Carnation 4 1987	81	83
Chevron 5 1992	93	95
Cummins 6¾ 1986	80	82
Dart 4¾ 1987	77	79
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	105	107
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	67	69
Eaton 5 1987	70	72
Ford 5 1988	67	69
Ford 6 1986	78	80
Gillette 4¾ 1987	69	71
Gould 5 1987	79½	81½
General Electric 4¼ 1987	83	85
Halliburton 4¾ 1987	122	124
Harris 5 1987	64	66
Honeywell 6 1986	69	71
ITT 4¾ 1987	66	68
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	133	135
JP Morgan 4¾ 1987	101	103
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	85	87
Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987	88½	90½
J.C. Penney 4¼ 1987	72	74
Revlon 4¾ 1987	93½	95½
Rank Org 4¾ 1993	37	39
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	91	93
Squibb 4¾ 1987	75	77
Texaco 4¾ 1988	71	73
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	105	107
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987	86	88
Xerox Corp 5 1988	69½	71½

DM=Deutsche mark issue.

Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London

Discount market

The Bank of England was eventually required to assist the discount market on a moderate scale yesterday to offset a shortage of day-to-day funds. This official assistance was effected through Treasury bill purchase directly from the houses and was considered to be just about sufficient to meet the market's requirements.

There was an unexpected excess of Government disbursements, but this was insufficent to meet the flow of funds out of the market.

Money was slow to move at the outset and rates of 10 or 10½ per cent were being paid for most of the session. However, conditions did ease a trifle at the end of the day, final balances usually being found at 9½ or 9¾ per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11% (Last changed 25/7/75)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%

Discount Mkt Loans%: Overnight: Open 10¼, Close 9½; Week Fixed: 10-10¼

Treasury Bills (Dis%) Buying		Selling	
2 months	10⅝	2 months	10⅝
3 months	10⅝	3 months	10⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%)		Trades (Dis%)	
2 months	10¹³⁄₁₆-10⅝	3 months	11
3 months	10¹³⁄₁₆-10⅝	4 months	11¼
4 months	10⅞-10¹¹⁄₁₆	6 months	11½
6 months	10⅞-10⅝		

Local Authority Bonds			
1 month	11-10½	7 months	11½-10¾
2 months	11-10½	8 months	11½-10¾
3 months	11-10½	9 months	11½-11
4 months	11¼-10¾	10 months	11½-11
5 months	11¼-10¾	11 months	11½-11
6 months	11¼-10¾	12 months	11½-11¼

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)			
1 month	10⅜-10¼	6 months	10¾-10⅝
3 months	10⅝-10½	12 months	11-10⅞

Local Authority Market (%)			
2 days	10¼-10⅛	3 months	10½-10⅜
7 days	10¼-10⅛	6 months	10⅞
1 month	10¼-10⅛	1 year	11⅛

Interbank Market (%)			
Overnight: Open 10-10¼		Close 10¼-9¾	
1 week	10¼-10⅛	6 months	10¹³⁄₁₆-10¹¹⁄₁₆
1 month	10⅛-10¼	9 months	10⅞-10¾
3 months	10⅝-10½	12 months	11-10⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%): 3 months 11; 6 months 11¼

Finance House Base Rate 10½%

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Barnet 13¾% 1980 (£100r)	£50¾
Do 14% 1984-85 (£100r)	£51
Bristol Wtr 9¾% Rd Pf (£b)	£10
Derby 13¾% 1983 (£99½b)	£10
Estates Hse Inv 25p Ord	38
Islington 13¾% 1980 (£100b)	£10⅞
Do 14% 85-86 (£100b)	£9¾
Land Secs 10% Cnv (£100)	£89¾
Liverpool 13¾% 1981 (£99½b)	£96¾
Newcastle Wtr 9¾% Rd Pf (£9)	£9¾
Prop Hldg and Inv 9% Cnv (£100)	£95
Whitbread 11% Cnv	£105
York Wtr 9¾% Pf 1980 (£b)	£10¾

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	Closing
B.P.B. Inds (65c)	Oct 30	42 prem-1½
Norcros (41c)		16 prem+2
Saugers (50c)	Oct 17	12 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £65 paid. f £50 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

Commodities

COPPER: Cash wire bars lost £2.50 on Friday and three months was £2 down.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £575.50-76.50 a metric ton; three months, £597.50-98.00. Sales, 4,475 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £562.50-63.00; three months, £585.50-84.50. Sales, 50 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £574-74.50; three months, £596.50-97.00. Settlement, £574.50. Sales, 3,600 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £563-62.50; three months, £585-85.50. Settlement, £562.50. Sales, 525 tons.

SILVER finished 1.95p up for cash, 2.5p for three months, 2.5p for seven months.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 217.90p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 458.3); three months, 224p (467.5c); six months, 230.10p (476.9c); one-year, 243.70p (498.2c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 219.6-19.9p; three months, 225.9-26.00p; seven months, 238.5-36.5p. Sales, 47 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 218.4-18.6p; three months, 224.5-24.7p; seven months, 234-35p. Settlement, 218.6p. Sales, 39 lots.

TIN hardened by £3 for standard cash and £6.50 for three months.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3127-33.00 a metric ton; three months, £3197-98. Sales, 120 tons. High grade. Cash, £3127-33; three months, £3197-98. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3125-30; three months, £3190-95. Settlement, £3130. Sales, 220 tons (about half carries). High grade, cash, £3125-30; three months, £3190-95. Settlement, £3130. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M990 a picul.

LEAD was dull and featureless.—Afternoon.—Cash, £173-74 a metric ton; three months, £181-81.50. Sales, 200 tons. Morning.—Cash, £172.50-73.00; three months, £180.50-81.00. Settlement, £173. Sales, 2,125 tons (about half carries).

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £350-50.25 a metric ton; three months, £363-63.50. Sales, 2,250 tons. Morning.—Cash, £350-50.25; three months, £363.50-64.00. Settlement, £350.25. Sales, 2,575 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM dropped by 20p on Friday's price to £75 ($158) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was about steady.—Oct, 31.75-33.00p per kilo; Nov, 32.25-33.50p; Oct-Dec, 32.30-32.50p; Jan-March, 33-33.10p; April-June, 34.50-34.60p; July-Sept, 36.30-36.40p; Oct-Dec, 37.80-37.85p; Jan-March, 39.10p; April-June, 40-40.10p. Sales: 33 lots at 5 tonnes; 165 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were slightly steadier.—Spot, 32.50-34.00. Cifs: Oct, 29.25-29.50; Nov, 30.25-30.50.

COFFEE.—Robusta terminal continued its upward move after lunch yesterday. Values opened slightly steadier on follow-through sentiment from the morning session largely on short-covering and chart-buying, trade sources said. Prices turned hesitant at the closing call, however, and finished from £16 to £20 up on balance in 862 lots.

ROBUSTAS.—Sept, £732-35.5 a metric ton; Nov, £727-38; Jan, £731-31.50; March, £736-37; May, £742-44; July, £747-49; Sept, £754-57. Sales: 862 lots including four options.

ARABICAS were quiet.—Oct, $87.80-88.30 per 50 kilos; Dec, $89.30-89.70; Feb, $89.00-90.50; April, $90.50-91.20; June, $90.50-92.00; Aug, $91.00-92.00; Oct, $91.00-93.00. Sales: five lots.

COCOA.—The market was quiet with the September position gaining only 50p on Friday and December futures losing £5.—Sept, £644-45 a metric ton; New Dec, £586-87; March, £565-67.00; May, £555-57.00; July, £555-60.00; Sept, £555-57.00; Dec, £535-55.00. Sales, 461 lots. ICO prices: daily, 52.91c; 15-day average 51.38c; 22-day average, 52.03c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR.—Trading was quiet. The London daily prices were "raws" £177 (unchanged from Friday); "whites" £195 (£2 up).—Oct, £178-79 a long ton; Dec, £174.25-74.75; March, £171.25-71.50; May, £168.15-68.50; Aug, £166-66.75; Oct, £163.50-64.50; Dec, £161-64.00. Sales, 3,785 lots. ISA prices: 15.88c; 17-day average 16.57c.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—Oct, 159-60p per kilo; Dec, 160-64p; March, 168-71p; May, 170-73p; July, 171-73p; Oct, 180-81p; Dec, 182-84p; March, 182-88p. Sales, 18 lots.

SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet.—Oct, £84.50-84.70 per metric ton; Dec, £85.90-86.20; Feb, £87.00-87.20; April, £87.90-88.10; June, £89.10-89.60; Aug, £89.80-90.00; Oct, £90.20-91.00; sales: 51 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—Price trends were mixed in restrained dealings yesterday.

WHEAT.—US Dark Northern Spring No 2 14 per cent: Sept, £104; Oct, £104.30; Nov, £106.10; Dec, £107.40 trans-shipment east coast. EEC milling: Sept, £62.25; Oct, £62.50 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Sept, £63.50; Oct, £64.25; Nov, £65.50; Dec, £65.75 trans-shipment east coast.

BARLEY.—EEC feed: Sept, £60.25; Oct, £62.50 trans-shipment east coast.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta): EEC origin: BARLEY was steady.—Sept, £61.05; Nov, £62.30; Jan, £64.60; March, £66.45; May, £67.95. WHEAT was steady.—Sept, £62.20; Nov, £63.65; Jan, £65.80; March, £67.80; May, £69.35.

MARK LANE.—The market held steady in light inter-dealer trade yesterday, which included September deliveries of Hagberg milling wheat to London at £66 and Oct/Dec, at £68.50 per long ton. Denaturable wheat traded into East Anglia at £64 for Oct, and at £67.70 for Jan/March deliveries. The following are average sellers' quotations per long ton, delivered London area: Wheat milling (Hagberg): Sept, £66; Oct/Dec, £68.50; Denaturable, Sept, £63; Oct/Dec, £64.50; Barley feed, Sept, £62.

TEA: A total of 33,838 packages of North Indian and African teas was offered at auction, the Teabrokers' Association reported. Assams were well supported but prices were irregular and often below valuation apart from selected bright liquoring lines. Africans received a good inquiry but at irregular and sometimes lower rates, they added.

MEAT (Smithfield).—**BEEF**. Scotch killed sides, 31.0-34.0p per lb; *Scotch killed sides, 35.0p; English hindquarters—heavy, 41.0-44.0p; Ulster hindquarters, 41.5-43.0p; Ulster forequarters, 25.0-27.0p; Eire hindquarters, 41.0-44.0p; Eire forequarters, 25.0-27.0p.

VEAL: English fats, 38.0-44.0p; *English fats, 46.0p; English bobbies, 11.0-14.0p; Scotch bobbies, 10.0-13.0p; *Scotch bobbies, 13.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 70.0-74.0p.

LAMB: English small, 30.0-34.0p; English medium, 29.0-32.0p; English heavy, 24.0-30.0p; Scotch medium, 29.0-31.0p; Scotch heavy, 24.0-30.0p; Scotch Hill, 26.0-32.0p; *Scotch Hill, 34.0p.

Imported frozen: New Zealand D's, 30.0-30.5p; 2's, 28.5-29.5p; 8's, 27.0-28.0p; YL's, 27.5-28.0p.

EWES: 11.0-12.0p; *Ewes, 16.0p.

PORK: English, under 100lb, 32.0-36.0p; English, 100-120lb, 31.0-37.5p; English, 120-160lb, 30.0-34.5p; English, 160-180lb, 29.0-31.0p; English, 180lb and over, 24.0-27.5p. *Special quotations—very high quality produce in limited supply.

MEAT COMMISSION.—Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 15:

UK.—Cattle, £18.74 per live cwt (+0.11). Sheep, 31.1p per lb. EDCW (−0.5). Pigs, £4.80 per SCLW (+0.21).

England and Wales.—Cattle numbers down 3.4 per cent, average price £18.83 (+0.61). Sheep numbers up 0.7 per cent, average price 31.5p (−0.4). Pig numbers up 1.3 per cent, average price £4.79 (+0.21).

Scotland.—Cattle numbers down 0.3 per cent, average price £18.92 (+0.34). Sheep numbers up 10.4 per cent, average price 30.7p (−1.2). Pig numbers down 29.7 per cent, average price £4.84 (+0.19).

Home Grown Cereal Authority's regional and United Kingdom average ex-farm spot prices for week ending September 11: Soft milling WHEAT.—S East, £62.55; S West, £63.50; Eastern, £61.95; E Midlands, £61.30; W Midlands, £62.65; N East, £60.45; N West, £61.95; Scotland, £60.95; United Kingdom, £61.50. Feeding BARLEY.—S East, £59.50; S West, £59.95; Eastern, £59.30; E Midlands, £59.35; W Midlands, £60.10; N East, £57.85; N West, £59.10; Scotland, £57.60; United Kingdom, £58.75.

Location ex-farm spot prices:

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
East Suffolk	£61.40	£60.00	£57.70
	Malting BARLEY		
NE Scotland	£59.45	£60.95	£57.50

The United Kingdom monetary coefficient for the week beginning Monday Sept 22, based on H-GCA calculations, is expected to remain unchanged at 1.108.

UK metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (in tonnes unless otherwise stated) were: Copper up 10,650 to 408,725; Tin up 320 to 6,320; Lead up 1,250 to 69,825; Zinc up 1,375 to 33,675; Silver unchanged at 16,440,000 troy ounces.

Hurdles in the path of further US grain sales to the Soviet Union

Commodities

Although further sales of United States grain to the Soviet Union have been suspended until at least mid-October, the September crop forecasts from the Department of Agriculture, showing only a marginal reduction in expectations for a record harvest, buttress USDA's conviction that further sales can be made to the Russians without sending up domestic food prices.

However, this fear is not the only hurdle in the path of further grain sales to the USSR; the Administration is also concerned about the Soviet predilection for making sudden swoops on to the world grain markets and turning order into chaos by buying on a gigantic scale, as happened in 1972.

Apart from watching the impact on food prices, the Ford Administration is now anxious to make a long-term agreement with Russia on grain sales and has a team of three men in Moscow trying to negotiate such a deal.

But it is reasonable to question whether the Soviet Union will commit itself to a firm pact for a period of years ahead, if only because such an agreement would be tantamount to an admission that past and current crop difficulties are not due to adverse weather alone, but also to an inability to produce grain in the required quantities.

Nor should it be assumed that failure to reach a long-term agreement would put an end to further sales by the US to the USSR. Indeed, Mr Richard Bell, USDA's Assistant Secretary, although confident that some pact will be worked out, has already said that further sales to Russia are not contingent on an agreement being reached. He has said that the US expects to sell more grain to Russia, the question being when and how much, not "if".

A question Russia is bound to raise about buying a set amount of grain each year is what happens in years when, given good growing weather and other factors being favourable, they have a bumper crop? Mr Bell's answer to that is that Russia should put any excess grain into storage, ready for bad years. But that brings into question Russian storage capacity, which is believed to be limited.

However, the United States will make every effort to get an agreement, if only because of the anxieties of its longshoremen, who have agreed to load grain for Russia only after being assured that the sales will not push up home food prices.

New Paris rules expected soon

Although problems arising out of the closure last December of the Paris white sugar market are not yet settled, the French Commerce Ministry is expecting that new rules to govern operations on the Paris commodity market will be officially given the go-ahead towards the end of this month.

The ministry is hoping that a compromise settlement price will be achieved in the white sugar affair, but it seems that the French authorities have decided to go ahead in any case.

However, International Commodities Clearing House, the London-based subsidiary of United Dominions Trust, is obviously disturbed by the lack of a solution to the problems because the company has withdrawn its offer to participate in the Banque Centrale de Compensation—the Paris commodities clearing bank—until some settlement is reached.

The original UDT offer to participate in the clearing bank was made subject to a solution being found and ICCH points out that although negotiations are going on, particularly on a settlement price for open contracts, they have not yet been finalized to the satisfaction of ICCH clients who were involved.

The view in Paris is that the UDT move will not prevent the new bank from operating, even if the decision is a permanent one, and other shareholders, particularly French state banks involved, could take up ICCH's stake without too much strain.

Cocoa lag may last a year

Fear that the traffic bottlenecks in the Nigerian ports of Lagos and Apapa will disrupt the flow of cocoa beans to the world markets for no less than a year are being expressed in the United States.

It is believed that more than 300 vessels are now waiting to discharge cargoes in the ports. No relief is in sight and the great danger is that new crop Nigerian cocoa will get stuck behind beans as yet unshipped from the current crop.

Top speakers for metals forum

Because it has been organized for the day before the London Metal Exchange annual dinner, which attracts more than 1,000 consumers, producers, stockists and merchants from all over the world to London, a panel of top speakers has been obtained for the ninth annual London forum, run by *American Metal Market*, on The International Outlook for Non-ferrous Metals at the Café Royal on October 20.

Mr R. W. Marshall, adviser in the Exchange Control Department of the Bank of England, will explain how the Bank monitors the activities of the LME. Mr L. Brooks, director, Office of Stockpile Disposal, General Services Administration, will explain the stockpile policy of the United States and how it may change in the future.

Other speakers will be Mr Y. Inai, president, Mitsubishi Metal Corporation; Mr P. O'Malley, chairman of Essex International Inc, of the United States; Mr A. Jacomet, senior vice-president, Pechiney Ugine Kuhlmann, of France, and Mr J. E. Thompson, president, Newmont Mining Corporation, of the United States.

The speeches are being organized in 20-minute sessions with 10-minute question and answer periods to follow. A panel of experts from the LME will answer questions.

Wallace Jackson
Commodities Editor

Wall Street

New York, Sept 15.—Stock prices were lower in extremely light trading at mid-session today as the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur kept many investors on the sidelines. At noon, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down by 6.02 points at 803.27. Analysts said investors continue to worry over inflation and rising interest rates.—Reuter.

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35	Armitage & Rhodes	35	—	3.0	8.6	3.9
94	Deborah Services	98	—	7.5	7.7	5.2
90	Henry Sykes	125	—	4.9	4.0	8.3
25	Twinlock Ord	26	+1	0.9	3.6	6.4
45	Twinlock 12% ULS	64	+1	12.0	18.8	—
48	Unilock Holdings	60	—	4.5	7.5	11.6

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Three-year summary of results

	Gross Revenue £'000	Ordinary shares Earned per share	Paid per share	Gross Assets (less current liabilities) £'000	Net Asset Value per Ord. share
e	1,851	4.19p	4.00p	65,767	£2.75
	2,431	6.00p	5.70p	42,203	£1.78
	2,632	6.52p	6.40p	55,910	£2.40

venty largest holdings detailed in the Report and its equal 25.58 per cent of portfolio.

statement Sir Geoffrey Kitchen said "we expect, at least, tain the ordinary share dividend at its current rate of 6.4 for the year ending 30th June, 1976".

pies of the Accounts are available from the Registrars, 95 Southwark Street, London SE1 0JB.

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Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday, (2) Tuesday, (3) Wednesday, (4) Thursday, (5) Friday, (8) Sept 17, (9) Sept 16, (10) Sept 31, (14) Oct 1, (15) Sept 24, (16) Sept 15, (18) Sept 16, (19) Sept 18, (20) 25th of month, (21) 2nd Thursday of month, (23) 20th of month, (24) 1st Tuesday of month, (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, (26) 4th Thursday of month, (27) 1st Wednesday of month, (28) Last Thursday of month, (29) 3rd working day of month, (30) 16th of month, (31) 1st working day of month, (32) 20th of month, (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov, (34) Last working day of month, (35) 15th of month, (36) 14th of month, (37) 21st of each month, (38) 3rd Wednesday of month, (39) 2nd Wednesday of month.

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THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 15.9.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No.	Div. Yield	Earn. Yield
The Times Industrial Share Index	135.83	7.38	[illegible]
Largest Coys.	135.32	7.02	[illegible]
Smaller Coys.	136.09	8.09	[illegible]
Capital Goods	129.07	7.98	[illegible]
Consumer Goods	156.45	7.05	[illegible]
Store Shares	121.34	7.70	[illegible]
Largest financial shares	172.74	5.84	—
Largest financial and industrial shares	142.45	6.80	—
Commodity shares	213.34	4.49	11.71
Gold Mining shares	325.83	6.27	9.41
Industrial debenture stocks	78.70	7.60*	—
Industrial preference stocks	36.97	14.30*	—
3½% War Loan	36¼	13.81*	—

A record of The Times Industrial Indices is given below:—

* Flat interest yield.

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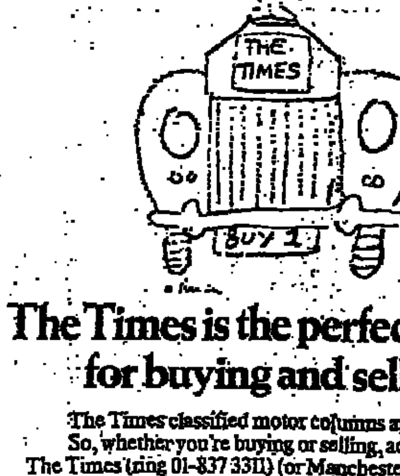
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NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who CLAIM to be lawful children or remoter descendants of either CONSUELO LAURA VICENTA DERHAM (formerly de Cologan) late of 22 Kildare Terrace Paddington Westminster who died on 3rd December, 1973, or of her brother ARTHUR THOMAS BERNARDO de COLOGAN MARQUES de TORRE-HERMOSA who died on 14th December 1968 in the District of Dingwall Scotland or who may claim to be interested under any Will or Codicil of Consuelo Laura Vicenta Derham aforesaid are hereby required to send particulars of their claim to Allan Jay & Co. 21 Bloomsbury Way London WC1A 2TH solicitors or the Public Trustee who is the Trustee of the Will of Sir Arthur Bignold on or before the 15th day of November 1975, after which date the Public Trustee will proceed to distribute the assets of the Will of Sir Arthur Bignold amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which he shall then have had notice and he will not be liable for the assets of the said deceaseds or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands he shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 10 day of September 1975

Solicitors for the Public Trustee, The Trustee of the Will of Sir Arthur Bignold.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of HOWE BROS (MIDLANDS) Limited No. 001562 of 1971.

Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL PAYMENT to PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the *1st October 1975* after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

J. B. CLEMETSON, Senior Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the matter of ASRA WINE AND PRODUCE Limited by Order of the High Court of Justice dated 29th day of August 1975 I, MARTIN JOHN SPENCER of Messrs. Stoy, Hayward & Co., 95 Wigmore Street, London W.1 have been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company. All debts and claims should be sent to me. Dated this 9th day of September 1975

M. J. Spencer
Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of ARGO PUBLICITY Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 3rd day of November, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned P. GRANVILLE WHITE, of Booth White & Co., 1 Wardrobe Place, Carter Lane, London, E.C.4 the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required, by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 5th day of September, 1975.

P. GRANVILLE WHITE,
Liquidator.

In the Matter of FREITAG (LONDON) Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 10th day of October, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Philip Monjack F.C.A. of 15 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8JL the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 11th day of September 1975.

PHILIP MONJACK,
Chartered Accountant,
Liquidator.

In the Matter of OAKLEAF ENTERPRISES Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required on or before the 31st day of October 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PATRICK GRANVILLE WHITE of 1, Wardrobe Place, Carter Lane, London, EC4V 5AJ the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 8th day of September 1975.

PATRICK GRANVILLE WHITE,
Liquidator

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1967 Notice to Creditors APPLEYARD, LINCOLN & CO. (BOAT-BUILDERS) Limited (Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up).

Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above-named Company are required on or before the 30th day of September, 1975, to send their names and addresses, with particulars of their debts or claims, to the undersigned Ronald Alexander Paterson, of Knapton House, 13 Lower Brook Street, Ipswich, IP4 1AT, Suffolk, Joint Liquidator of the Company; and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator either personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice and in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proven.

Dated this 29th day of August, 1975.

R. A. PATERSON,
Jt. Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of HENRY OST AND SON Limited by Order of the High Court of Justice dated 29th day of August 1975 I, GEORGE ALBERT AUGER of Messrs. Stoy, Hayward & Co., 95 Wigmore Street, London W.1 have been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company. All debts and claims should be sent to me. Dated this 9th day of September 1975

G. A. AUGER
Liquidator.

Business to Business

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READERS are recommended to take appropriate professional advice before entering obligations.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING

THAMES BARRIER PROJECT

CONTRACT 7A FOR GENERATING PLANT

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Construction of the Barrier has commenced and is due for completion in 1979. The contract for the generating plant will be awarded in August, 1976. The plant has to be delivered to site for erection to commence in November, 1978. Tenders will be invited during February, 1976, and the tendering period will be two months.

Firms who wish to be considered for inclusion in the list of tenderers are invited to apply in writing before 14th October, 1975, to the Consulting Engineers:

RENDEL, PALMER AND TRITTON
Southwark Bridge House, 61 Southwark Street, London, SE1 1SA,
giving an outline description of their organization, capabilities and experience. On receipt of this information, the Consulting Engineers will send appropriate firms further details of the project and pre-tender questionnaire.

The contract will comprise the supply, installation, testing and commissioning of three 1,600 kW turbo-charged diesel generating sets operating at 11,000 volts, 3 phase, 50 Hz with a speed of 750 rpm. The sets are to be provided complete with exhaust systems, cooling towers, starting equipment, alternator and control panels with instrumentation and synchronising equipment, and ancillary equipment including local cable and pipe connections.

Civil Engineering works will be provided under another contract.

Tenders must be from manufacturers of Diesel Engines. Applications from firms who assemble component units will not be considered.

DEMOCRATIC AND POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY

Societe Nationale des Industries des Lieges et du Bois

Directorate of Engineering and Development

INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER FOR 3 TIMBER PROCESSING FACTORIES

TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Tender specifications may be obtained as from 5 September 1975 from 202 Rue Hassiba Ben Bouali, Algiers.

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Bids should arrive by post before 30 November, 1975, and no bid received after this date will be taken into consideration. The postmark shall be taken as evidence.

BIDDERS SHALL BE BOUND BY THEIR TENDERS FOR A PERIOD OF 90 (NINETY) DAYS.

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Broadcasting

Plutonium makes the grade for a documentary (BBC1 9.55). It is at least a change from North Sea oil, though that, too, supplies its usual can of drama (BBC1 8.5). Real-life drama comes with Chicago Streets, a documentary on Mayor Daley's stamping ground (ITV 10.30). This week's Graham Greene story is set in Jamaica and is of a brief encounter there (ITV 9.0) but there is a real-life encounter in Italy with novelist Alberto Moravia as the Book Programme opens new pages (BBC2 7.45). The cruising Jazz Ship returns to harbour (BBC2 8.10). The orang-utans are back (BBC1 4.45).—L.B.

BBC 1

pm, Dechrau Canu, Dech- anmol. 12.55, News. 1.00, e Mill. 1.45-2.00, Bagpuss. Play School. 4.25, Deputy 4.30, Jackanory. 4.45, l Magic. 5.05, John 's Newsround. 5.15, Boss .40, The Wombles.
News. 6.00, Nationwide.
Film. Tarzan's Desert Mystery, with Johnny Weissmuller, Johnny Sheffield.*
Oil Strike North.
News.
The Growing Pains of PC Penrose.
The Infernal Element, documentary on harness- ing plutonium.
Tonight: The Future of Britain's Oil.
Weather.
and white.

variations (BBC 1):— ALES.—12.25-12.55 pm lers Closedown. 6.00-6.55, oday, Nationwide. 6.55- oddy. 7.10-7.40, Trefta- . 7.40-8.05, Tomorrow's SCOTLAND.—12.25-12.55 amitters Closedown. 6.00- porting Scotland. Nation- .20, Scottish News Summ- ORTHERN IRELAND.— 55 pm, Transmitters n. 6.00-6.55, Scene als. Nationwide. 11.20, Ireland News Headlines.

n. Thames. 1.20, West 1.25, Wales Headlines. ames. 2.00, Houseparty. ones. 3.00, Thames. 5.20, .25, Crossroads. 5.50, 01, Report West. 6.20, lles. 6.40, Survival. 7.10, at Riviera Touch, with and Wise. 9.00, 1.25, Seven Ages of Fash- , Weather. HTV CYMRU/ As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 vdau Newyddion Y Dydd. Miri Mawr. 4.35-4.50, 6.01-6.20, Y Dydd. Sale of the Century. 5, Dan Sylw. 11.15- ok Review. 11.30-12.00, Action. HTV WEST.—As 1. 1.20-1.30 pm, West 6.01-6.40, Report West.

Thames. 1.20, Border . Thames. 2.00, House- 0, Thames. 5.20, The ers. 5.50, News. 6.00, ws. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, 7.30, Betty Boop. 7.35, Girl Who Came Gift with Karen Valentine. ig. 9.00, Thames. 12.00, 's Summary.

Thames. 1.25, Anglia , Thames. 2.00, Let's 0, Thames. 5.20, Wait ather Gets Home. 5.50, , About Anglia. 6.35, Film: Ellery Queen: Behind You, with Peter Harry Morgan. 9.00, 30, Reflection.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University: Vir- ginia Woolf. 7.05, Maths. 7.30- 7.55, Rotating Frames. 11.00, Play School. 11.25-11.50, Open University: The Handicapped. 5.00 pm, Open University: Maths. 5.25, Origin of the Spe- cies. 5.50, Maths Analysis. 6.15, Analogue Computing. 7.05, Quantum Theory. 7.29, Weather.
7.30 Newsday.
7.45 Book Programme.
8.10 Jazz Ship: Count Basie and his Orchestra.
9.00 Film: The Blue Dahlia, with Alan Ladd, Veronica Lake, William Bendix.*
10.35 An Artist from Moscow: film about Soviet sculp- tor Ernst Neizvestny.
11.00 Newsnight.
11.20-11.25, Michael Gwynn reads London, by Peter Porter.

Granada

9.30 am, Island Spirit. 10.15, Untamed World. 10.40, A Place to Live. 10.55, It's Fun to Read. 11.05, Woody Wood- pecker. 11.30, Maggie May. 12.15 pm, The Osmonds. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, What on Earth. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, Film: Jack Lemmon, Romy Schneider, Edward G. Robinson and Dorothy Provine in Good Neighbour Sam. 9.00, Thames. 11.30-12.30 am, Spyforce.

Scottish

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, House- call. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Barbar. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Nature in Retreat. 7.00, Film, Marlowe, with James Garner, Gayle Hunni- cutt. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Late Call.

Grampian

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Wildlife Theatre. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.10, Country Focus. 6.35, ATV. 7.15, Columbo. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, ATV. 12.00, Prayers.

Yorkshire

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Britain on the Brink. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Fantastic Voyage. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.15, Columbo. 9.00—12.00, Thames.

Ulster

12.40 pm, Thames. 2.00, House- party. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Castaway. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Room 222. 7.30, Film, Never Let Me Go, with Clark Gable, Gene Tierney. 9.00-11.30, Thames.

Thames

10.30 am, Kosciusko: The Cruel Country. 11.20, Theatre of Stars. 12.05 pm, Galloping Gourmet. 12.30, Sinbad Junior. 12.40, Rainbow. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Regional Flavour. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, World in Action. 3.00, World Power Boat Racing Championships. 3.55, Looks Familiar. 4.25, Runaround. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, The Ghost and Mrs Muir.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.40 Crossroads.
7.05 Film, A High Wind in Jamaica, with Anthony Quinn, James Coburn.
9.00 Shades of Green. Vir- ginia McKenna, Leo McKern in Cheap in August.
10.00 News.
10.30 Chicago Streets, docu- mentary.
11.25 Arabs and Israelis. Golan.
11.55 My Song is Freedom, with Neil Hall.

Tyne Tees

12.35 pm, Starting Point. 12.40, Thames. 3.00, Britain on the Brink. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Police Sur- geon. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, ATV. 7.15, Columbo. 9.00, Thames. 11.25, News. 11.35, Epi- logue.

ATV

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Ele- phant Boy. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.10, Film: Day- tona's Devils, with Rory Cal- houn. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Advanced Driving with Graham Hill. 12.00, Terry Reath.

Southern

11.05 am, Cartoons. 11.20, Film: Our Little Girl, with Shirley Temple.* 12.20 pm, Hammy Hamster. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Betty Boop. 5.25, Cross- roads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.45, Police Surgeon. 7.15, Hec Ramsey. 9.00, Thames. 11.25, Oscar Peterson Pre- sents ... 11.55, Southern News. 12.05 am, Weather. Guideline.

Westward

12.00, Master Chefs. 12.15 am, Untamed World. 12.35, Gus Honey- bun. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, West- ward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.10, Film: Jigsaw, with James Wain- wright, Vera Miles, Richard Kiley, Andrew Duggan. 9.00, Thames. 11.25, Westward News. 11.28, Columbo. 9.00-11.55, Thames.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Alan Freeman. 7.02, Three in a Row. 7.30, Sing Something Simple.† 8.02, Johnny Douglas concert.† 9.02, The Songwriters, Jimmy Van Heusen. 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Colin Berry.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Colin Berry.† 12.31, News.
† Stereo.

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6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing Bulletin). 9.02, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Wag- goners' Walk.) 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.00- 12.33 am, Radio 1.

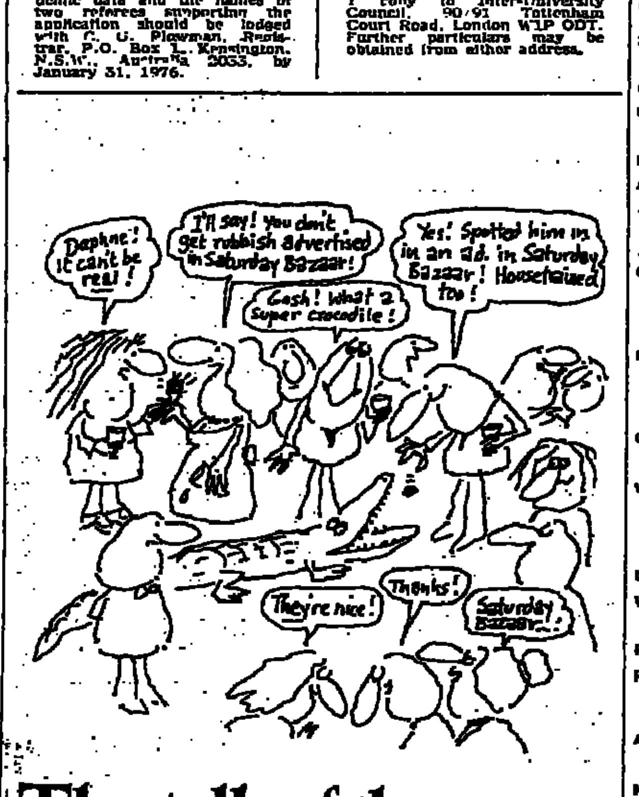
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7.00 am News. 7.05, Mussorgsky, orch Lyadov, Tchaikovsky, Stra- vinsky.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Mozart, Schubert.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Mon- teverdi.† 9.50, Violin and Piano: Alan Rawsthorne.† 10.40, Academy of the BBC: Faure, Mozart, Britten.† 11.25, 16th and 17th cen- tury Keyboard Music.† 12.00, Car- diff Midday Prom: Part 1, Beeth- oven, Brahms.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.20, Concert: Part 2, Brahms.† 2.05, Music in Our Time.† 3.05, Melody.† 4.20, Harp- sichord Recital: Couperin and Bach.† 5.15, Jazz Today.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (con- tinued). 6.30, Context. 6.50, The Bonus Years. 7.10, The ABC of Education. 7.30, Prom: Part 1, Bernstein, Carl Ruggles, Ives, Copland.† 8.20, Another Part of the Wood: Reading by Kenneth Clark. 8.40, Prom Con- cert: Part 2, Roy Harris, Copland.† 9.30, The Hitlerwelle: Discussion. 10.10, Haydn Quartet, Op 103. 10.25, Play: Bandstand, by Derek Raby.† 11.05, Bach Cantata No 168.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Tonight for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, The High Window. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Starting School. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Celebration, Joan Sutherland. 11.45, A Romany Life. 12.00 pm, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. 12.55, Weather.
1.00 pm, The World at One. News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, The Island of Sheep. 4.00, News. 4.05, Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35, Story Time, Double Snare. 5.00 PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, Home to Roost. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Radio 3. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: Thunder on Sunday. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Ten Years after, Pop culture: part 2. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.

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BIRTHS

EDWARDS.—On 15th September, at St. George's Hospital, London, S.W.1, to Coila (nee Portman) and Anthony Edwards—a daughter.

ELLIOT.—On 12 September, at 37 Welbeck St., W.1, to Maresa (nee Apap Bologna) and Gordon, God's gift of a son, Andrew.

FARNESI.—On 4th September, 1975, at Nottingham City Hospital to Maurita (nee Gonzales) and Carlo, of Pisa, Italy—a daughter (Olivia).

FRYER.—On 13th Sept., at The Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, to Joanna and Henry—a son (Christopher John).

GOGNLAN.—On September 11, at the West London Hospital, to Angela (nee Westmacott) and Terence—a son.

GOULD.—On September 11th, 1975, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Susan (nee Perry) and Anthony—a son (Julian Alexander).

HARLAND.—On September 15th, to Claire (nee Hunt) and Philip—a son (William George Warren).

HART DYKE.—On 13 September, at The Grange, Liss, to Diana, wife of Commander David Hart Dyke, R.N.—a daughter.

KOEHLER.—On September 14th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Gabrielle and Waldemar—a son, a brother for Oliver.

MACFARLANE.—On September 15th, 1975, at The Royal County Hospital, Winchester, to Patricia (nee Bannister) and Michael Macfarlane—a daughter (Fiona Antonia Mary). Grateful thanks to all staff.

McMYN.—On September 11th, to Anica and David—a son (Alexander).

SIMMONS.—On September 13th, 1975, to Jenny (nee Fasola) and Peter Simmons—a daughter, Katie Elizabeth.

TOSSWILL.—On 13 September, 1975, at Queen Charlotte's, to Diana (nee Stead) and Simon—a son.

TYNAS.—On September 13th, 1975, at North Manchester General Hospital, to Pauline (nee Wroe) and Raymond—a son (Lewis Arthur Edward), a brother for Richard and Jonathan and a 3rd grandchild for Mr and Mrs Henry Tynas.

MARRIAGES

ATKINSON : SEYMOUR POOLE.—On September 13th, at Guildhall, London, Rodney Atkinson to Caroline Seymour Poole (nee Alexander).

COOK : PENWARDEN.—On September the 12th, at Holy Trinity Church, Hotwells, Bristol, Christopher John, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cook, of Norfolk, to Christine Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Penwarden, of Southgate, N.14.

DUFRIEN : WALKER.—On Monday, September 15th, in London, Paul-Louis Henri Dufrien, of Fort Mahon, France, to Margaret Walker, of 118 Campden Hill Road, London.

EDISON : SMART.—On 6th September, at Trinity College Chapel, Toronto, John David Edison, of 15 Binscarth Road, Toronto, and Caroline Alexandra Smart, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Smart.

FAIRBAIRN : CARLESS.—On September 13th in Sydney Australia, Nicholas Bayley Fairbairn to Rosalind Claire Carless.

FITZHUGH : DAVISON.—On September 13th, at St. Asaph Cathedral, Edmund Francis Lloyd Fitzhugh to Pauline Davison.

MARRIAGES

REED : BOEKELMAN.—On Thursday, September 11th, in Rijswijk, Adrian Harbottle Reed and Marie-Louise Boekelman.

SILVER WEDDINGS

WARD : BRUCE.—On Saturday, September 16, 1950, at St. Mary's Church, East Hendred, Peter Michaeljohn Ward to Janet Mary Bruce. Present address: Waterdell House, Croxley Green, Hertfordshire.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

FARMER : HOPKINS.—On September 16th, 1925, at the Parish Church of All Souls, Langham Place, London, Leslie Graeme Herbert Farmer to Elizabeth Joan Hopkins. Present address: "Tompsets Bank", Forest Row, Sussex.

DEATHS

ADAMOFF.—On 11th September, 1975, peacefully, Suzanne Adamoff, of 61 The Avenue, Bedford Park, London, W.4, deeply treasured friend of Gladys and Alexander Pickersgill. Funeral service Armenian Church, All Saints, N.W.8 (near St. John's Wood Station), on Thursday at 2 p.m., followed by interment in the family grave, Chiswick New Cemetery, Staveley Rd., W.4. Enquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 01-937 0757.

ARBUTHNOT. — On September 14th, 1975, unexpectedly at his residence, Myrtle Grove, Youghal, Co Cork, Commander Bernard Kieron Charles Arbuthnot, D.S.C., R.N. Retd. Funeral today at 3 p.m. at St. Mary's, Collegiate Church, Youghal.

BANKS.—On 16th September, 1975, aged 81 years, James Bartholomew, Lord Patriarch and Sovereign Primate of the Old Roman Catholic Church. Requiescat in Pace.

BAUMGARTNER.—On September 15th, 1975, at St. Audry's Hospital, Philippa Spelman, of Doe House, Aldeburgh, aged 84, Only child of the late Dr H. S. and Mrs. Baumgartner. Funeral at Ipswich Crematorium on Friday, September 19th at 2.30 p.m.

BERTRAM.—On September 15th, 1975, Oliver, at Martinhoe, North Devon, loved husband of Jane, father of James and Lavinia.

BOICHAT.—On Sunday, September 14th, 1975, suddenly at his home, Henry William Boichat, MHCI, of 56 Trevelyan Road, S.W.17. Funeral service at Lambeth Crematorium, Blackshaw Road, S.W.17, on Friday, September 19th, at 1.30 p.m.

BROWN.—On September 15th, 1975, aged 93 years, Lady A. M. of Great Houghton, Northampton, widow of Lieut.-General Sir John Brown, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.T., J.P., D.L. Cremation private, no flowers please.

CHURCHYARD. — On September 15th 1975, at Jay's Green, Harleston, Norfolk, Violet, devoted friend and cook to the Norman family for 34 years.

CLIFTON, RICHARD MICHAEL.—On September 15th, 1975 at St. Teresa's Longrock, Penzance, Cornwall.

COOMBE-JONES. — On September 14, 1975, peacefully at Trenley Farm, Hawkhurst, Kent, Janet Mary in her 80th year, loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service Charing Crematorium, Tues. September 23 at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 138 Sloane St., London, S.W.1.

CORNES.—On Sept. 13, 1975, peacefully, aged 95, Lilian Amy (nee Marshall), widow of Julian, formerly I.C.S., greatly loved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Christ Church, Winchester, Monday, Sept. 22, 2.30. Flowers to J. Steel, 4 Chesil St., Winchester.

DOUGLAS.—On 13th September, 1975, at Newmarket General Hospital, Muriel of East St., Saffron Walden, only daughter of John Campbell and Ellen Alice Douglas, of West Worthing and Shrewsbury (American papers please copy).

DYKES.—On September 12, 1975, Harold Balfour Dykes, M.D., of 16B Hillside Road, St. Albans. Private funeral, no flowers by request. Donations to Hertfordshire Society for the Blind.

FREEMAN.—On 14 September, 1975, peacefully at The Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton, Ernest Arthur, F.R.C.S., aged 74 years, of Trysull, near Wolverhampton, much loved husband of Joan and father of John and Mary. Funeral service, Trysull Church, Wednesday, 3 p.m., followed by cremation. No flowers, please.

GIMSON.—On September 8th, 1975, peacefully, at home, Stanton St. Bernard, Wilts., Marion Elizabeth Gimson, in her 89th year, beloved wife of Humphrey M. Gimson and mother of Alfred, John, Ann and Michael. Private cremation took place at Salisbury on September 12th.

GREENWAY.—On September 14 in the Westminster Hospital, Charles Paul, 3rd Baron Greenway, of Stanbridge Earls, beloved husband of Cordelia and loving father of Ambrose, Mervyn and Nigel. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service to be announced later. No flowers please, but donations if desired to the Parachute Regiment Central Fund, Browning Barracks, Aldershot, Hants.

HALL.—On September 15, 1975, George Derek Gordon Hall, President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Cremation private. Memorial service later.

HODGES.—On September 14th, very suddenly at home, Dick aged 74, dear husband of Mabel. Funeral service at Handley Church, Dorset, on Friday, 19th September, at 2.30, followed by private cremation. No flowers, but if wished, donations to any children's society.

HUDSON-DAVIES.—On September 14th, 1975, suddenly and peacefully at home, Sir Alan Meredyth Hudson-Davies, C.B.E. Funeral private. No flowers please but donations may be sent in lieu if desired to the Rodney Youth Centre, Mulberry St., Liverpool 7.

KIRKHAM.—On September 13th peacefully at home after a long illness courageously borne, Albert Victor Joseph Kirkham, FRIBA, Chevalier 1st Class Order of Vasa (Sweden), beloved husband of Margaret, much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Thursday, September 18th at 2.30 p.m. All Saints Church, Eastern on the Hill. Flowers to Scholes, Stamford.

KORTRIGHT.—On September 13th at St. Thomas's Hospital, John Henry Kortright, late of The Chartered Bank. Service at Kingston Crematorium, on Thursday, 18th September, at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to: W. A. Truelove & Son Ltd., 118 Carshalton Road Sutton, Surrey.

DEATHS

LITHGOW.—On September 14th, 1975, peacefully at home, Gwendolyn, aged 78, beloved wife of the late Sir James Lithgow, Bt., of Ormsary, and only daughter of the late John Robinson Harrison, of Scalescough, Cumberland. Service on Wednesday, September 17th, at 2 p.m., at Kilmacolm Old Kirk. Burial private. No flowers, please.

MACKENZIE.—On September 12th, 1975, peacefully, at home, Ardloch, Lochearnhead, Perthshire, John Gurney Mackenzie, C.M.G. (Jock), beloved husband of Hope and loving father of John and Mary. Funeral service in Balquhidder Church, on Tuesday, 16th September, at 11 a.m. Thereafter to St. Mary's Abbey, Haddington, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, please.

MANN.—On Sept. 8th, peacefully, John Kilpatrick Mann, A.F.C., husband of Monica and father of Judith. Memorial service at Church of King Charles the Martyr, Tunbridge Wells, on Monday, September 29th, at 3 p.m.

McLACHLAN.—On September 13th at Shiraloe House, Herrington Burn, Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne and Wear, George Francis McLachlan, husband of Ria and father of Stuart. Funeral at St. Oswald's Church, Shiney Row, 2.15 p.m. on September 17th, followed by interment at Houghton-le-Spring Cemetery.

NIFOSI.—On September 15th, 1975, peacefully at his home, Alex Philip, of Timbers, 41 Willowhayne Avenue, Angmering on Sea, Sussex. Retired founder member of B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. Much loved husband of Elena and brother of Esme. Funeral at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, 18th September, at 3 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations if desired may be sent to Help the Aged, c/o F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, Sussex. Tel. Littlehampton 3959.

PEEL.—On September 15th, 1975, after a short illness, Antony Graham (late Headmaster of Amesbury School, Hindhead) of Swanscomb Coolinge Lane, Folkestone, Kent. Dearly loved husband of Diana and much loved father of Mark and Roderick. Funeral service St. Paul's Church, Sandgate, on Wednesday, September 17th at 2.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. Flowers to 1 Dover Road, Folkestone. Memorial service at Grayshott to be announced later.

PERKINS.—On September 14, 1975, suddenly, at his home, 15 Grafton Road, Bedford, Dr Rowland J. Perkins, M.D., M.R.C.P., formerly of 99 Harley Street, W1. Funeral service at St Andrew's Church, Bedford, on Friday, September 19th, at 11.30 a.m., followed by cremation. No flowers by request.

RUSSELL.—On September 11th, suddenly at home, Doctor Gerald Francis Russell. Sadly missed by his family. Requiem Mass St. Joseph's Retreat, Highgate Hill, N.6, at 9.30 a.m. Thursday, 18th September and then to St. Pancras Cemetery, East Finchley, at 10.30 a.m. Flowers to the church.

STEPHENSON, RUTH.—On September 15th, wife of the late Major W. E. Stephenson, of Throckley, Northumberland, and daughter of the late Sir Percy Sherwood, K.C.M.G., and Lady Sherwood of Ottawa, Canada.

WALTERS.—On September 15th, peacefully, in hospital, Aubrey John Cuming Walters, C.B.E., of 3 Edenhurst Drive, Thorley Lane, Timperley, Cheshire. Dearly loved husband of Dora, and devoted father of Fay and John and fond grandfather of Martin, Anne and Jeremy. Funeral service, Altrincham Crematorium, Wednesday, September 17th, 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Enquiries Arthur Greaty, N.A.F.D. Phone 061-973 1515.

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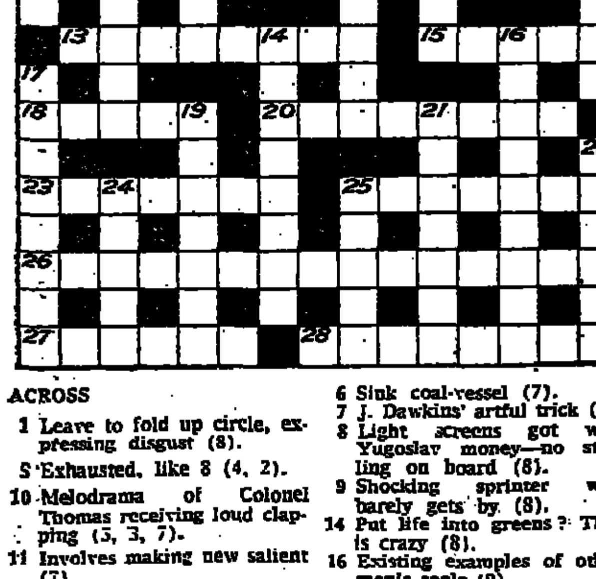
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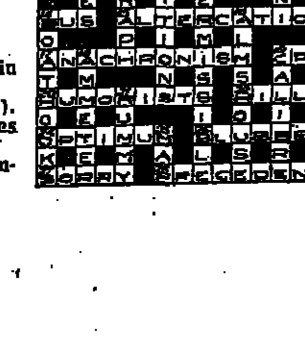
ACROSS

1 Leave to fold up circle, expressing disgust (8).
5 Exhausted, like 8 (4, 2).
10 Melodrama of Colonel Thomas receiving loud clapping (5, 3, 7).
11 Involves making new salient (7).
12 Woodland features added to point-to-point courses (7).
13 Information brought to summit, 1984 style (8).
15 Do better than forty in Rome, I hear (5).
18 It's best to have internal bearing enclosed (5).
20 Improved quality of nice herd by exchange (8).
23 How far towards the rising sun? (7).
25 Demonstrated respect for 21, for example (7).
26 French city, cruel, at discomfiture of artist (8-7).
27 Putting a tax on tar (6).
28 Study by the Saint in secret intelligence service is made-up (8).

DOWN

1 Palmed off and put in pocket (6).
2 Trunks in the attic? (4-5).
3 Inroads made into decrees (7).
4 Are they worn by announcers at dinner-time? (5).
6 Sink coal-vessel (7).
7 J. Dawkins' artful trick (5).
8 Light screens got with Yugoslav money—no sterling on board (8).
9 Shocking sprinter who barely gets by (8).
14 Put life into greens? That is crazy (8).
16 Existing examples of other men's tools (9).
17 Man of conscience or purpose, alternatively (8).
19 Shorter title for Falla's ballet? (7).
21 Flags to show the pass belongs to us (7).
22 Orders phony credits right away (6).
24 Check growth of enterprise (5).
25 Excuse for bombs being dropped at once (5).

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